

Silver Linings

Let's face it--the pandemic has been an experience none of us could have anticipated. It has challenged us on every level. Despite the challenges, we have seen incredible teamwork and innovations by the Student Affairs Team.

Please share what your pandemic positives have been. What have you learned? How have you changed your practice? What improvements have you made with the ever changing situation? What are some small wins that you've had either personally or professionally. We'd like to share your stories and will review the entries submitted below.

[Pandemic Positives](#)



All Staff Meetings for 2021

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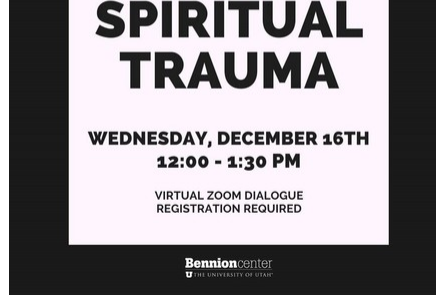
Student Affairs All Staff meetings with VP McDonald will resume in February 2021. Look for more details in January!

Community Conversation: Spiritual Trauma

December 16, 12-1:30pm

The purpose is to listen, be heard, and reflect with others.

Facilitators: Franci Taylor, David Parker, Holly Johnson, David Derezotes, Dean McGovern



[Register here](#)



ICYMI: A Racially Just Workplace

The third of the Friday Forums in Higher Education held on Friday, Nov. 20 addressed questions that provided insight and solutions on how we create a racially just workplace and how we create a more equitable and inclusive campus. The conversation was moderated by Jeff Herring, chief human resources officer at the University of Utah. Panelists included:

- Kathy Obear, president, Center for Transformation and Change
- Laurita Thomas, president, American Research Universities Human Resources Institute
- Damon Tweedy, associate professor, Duke University

In case you missed it, view the full event and transcript in [@theU](#).

Name changes in campus directories

Beginning January 5, 2021, first names in HR systems and the campus directory at the University will automatically display a chosen/preferred first name that an employee or student has on file. While employees and students have previously had the option of updating a chosen/preferred first name in HR systems and CIS, this change makes the chosen/preferred first name the default when possible, as opposed to systems that currently default to a legal first name.



Learn how in [@theU](#).



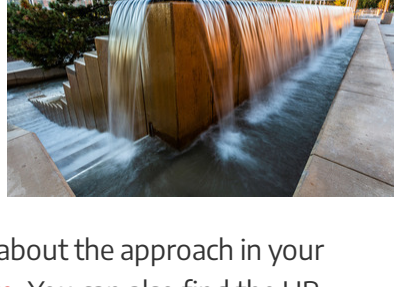
Updated COVID protocol for all in-person gatherings

The expectation for campus remains that all non-essential in-person gatherings of greater than 10 (i.e. 11 or more) people should be cancelled, postponed or held remotely.

Learn more from the story in [@theU](#).

Get rested, relaxed and ready for spring semester

The U has added three days of leave time, in addition to previously announced closure days, during winter break. Please talk to your supervisor about the approach in your department and read the full [@theU](#) article [here](#). You can also find the HR calendar with holidays and university closure days [online](#).



Winter Break Staffing

The University of Utah is now in all online instruction until the end of fall semester. While our offices remain open, teleworking is encouraged. Read the full article in [@theU](#).

Student Affairs Committee Updates

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Training Tuesdays -- We will be offering a new series of Training Tuesdays in Spring 2021! If you are interested in presenting with us, please email us at pdc@sa.utah.edu

Virtual Trainings Library: Your colleagues in PDC want to make your professional skill development convenient and accessible. Please stop by our [Virtual Training Database](#), where you can find a variety of trainings that are organized by competency areas.

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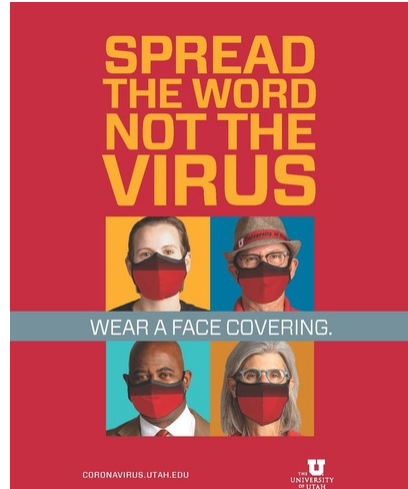
University Community Drive-thru Flu Clinic through December 17th

Engineering Building parking lot - enter from North Campus Drive

Tuesdays: 1-5 pm
Thursdays: 1-5 pm
Saturdays: 10am - 2pm

Weekly COVID-19 Updates from University of Utah Health

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health, provided his weekly update on COVID-19 on December 1st. You can watch it here:



COVID-19 Resources

[Coronavirus.utah.edu](https://coronavirus.utah.edu)

General Campus Questions Hotline
801-213-2874

Health and Testing Hotline
801-587-0712

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