

The Communicator

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In the last five weeks, our lives have all changed in many ways. Some of us are working from home, others have been busy serving as essential on campus staff to meet the needs of our campus community. Many have been trying to balance work and taking care of their families, including care of (while educating) their children and/or immediate and extended family members who need assistance. Indeed, the entire world has changed, and there are still many unknowns – but I see the power of our community working together to take care of one another, and I believe in the resiliency of CSU. I am in awe of the power and dedication of our community, and I am grateful for everything you do. I cannot show my gratitude the way I wish I could, but I do want to be clear that I, and all the elected members of the CSU State Classified Personnel Council (CPC) are here for you. We are your advocates. We are here to serve your interests.

While we can no longer meet in-person, the CPC and its various subcommittees are continuing their important work, virtually, using email and Microsoft Teams. Our Legislative Committee continues to communicate with our local state representatives to better understand what we can expect in the state budget for the next fiscal year. In March, CPC partnered with CSU HR benefits to host PERA for an information session that was presented via BlueJeans, [you can watch the recorded session here](#). We have also been working to amplify communications from CSU HR Benefits about our mandatory health benefit enrollment that is now underway until May 18.

As I mentioned above, our CPC subcommittees continue their work but have also shifted their focus to address the current crisis. Our Employee Engagement and Experience Committee has been working with the CARE and C2C programs to gather and seek out resources that our CSU community can use to help navigate financial, emotional, and physical wellbeing (a few key resources are included in this communicator). Our Employee Recognition Committee is still moving forward with collecting applications for the Fall 2020 Employee Educational Assistance fund, [apply by June 1 on our website](#). And probably more important than ever, the Everyday Hero Award is still accepting nominations. The Executive Committee continues to meet with CSU leadership in HR, the Vice President for University Operations, and the President's Office. And finally, the CPC is working with the Administrative Professional Council (APC) on near-future collaborative efforts to gather your input and better support our employees at CSU.

I want to acknowledge that there are still many hurdles to come, and that we are all waiting on what will happen at the local, state, and federal level to determine when our campus will reopen. It is important to remember that there will be a "new normal" for us all when we can come together on our beautiful campus, and there will be many challenges that will require innovative thinking and approaches to keep our campus and community safe and healthy.

Again, CPC is here for you, and we are listening. I encourage you all to reach out if you have concerns or questions, but please be patient as we work to deliver and respond with accurate and correct information. You can contact me directly at cpc_chair@colostate.edu or use the form on the CPC site by clicking the icon below.

Thank you,



Meg Skeehan, CPC chair FY2020 and FY2021



Get Connected!

Academic Computing and Networking Services (ACNS)

Need help getting connected? Contact ACNS for email, eID assistance, computer/phone diagnostics and repair. To view their website click here [click here](#).

- For assistance over the phone, call 970.491.7276
- Contact help@colostate.edu for email assistance

You're Not Home Alone Pen Pal Program

Commitment to Campus would like to connect you with a pen pal! Or e-pal or phone-pal, whatever you may choose. Please [click here](#) to sign up!

The Food Bank for Larimer County

In this difficult time, food is being distributed at the following Larimer County Food Bank locations:

- 1301 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins
- 2600 North Lincoln Avenue, Loveland

Free meals for kids for are available within Larimer and surrounding counties.

- [Click here](#) for Larimer County information.
- [Click here](#) for Weld County information.
- [Click here](#) for Thompson Valley information.

United Way of Larimer County

For a list of community resources including the following, [click here](#).

- 211 Colorado. Get connected. Get help. Serving all Colorado communities. [Click here](#) for more information! Or call 866.760.6489, today!

Health and Fitness

Online Fitness Resources and Programs

- To access CSU's Campus Recreation Resources, [click here](#).
- To access CSU's Adult Fitness Program, [click here](#).

Adopt a Neighbor

The City is seeking healthy volunteers to assist with services to our vulnerable populations. The Adopt A Neighbor Program pairs volunteers with neighbors in need during the current pandemic. This can range from getting groceries to pet care/dog walking, driveway shovelling, and more.

- To volunteer or request services, [click here](#).
- Or reach out directly to Sue Schafer by email, sschafer@fcgov.com, or phone, 970.416.4245.

Housing

Homeward Alliance Resources

Temporary Service Site for Adults Experiencing Homelessness and other resources offered by Homeward. [Click here](#) for more information.

Neighbor to Neighbor

This program provides emergency rent assistance through online application. Please [click here](#) for more information.

- Don't live in Fort Collins? Visit [Spark the Change](#) to learn about opportunities in your area

Utilities

In response to COVID-19, Colorado utilities will not be disconnected. If you live in Fort Collins, [click here](#), or call 970.212.2900 to receive assistance or make a payment arrangement.

- Other utility providers have similar programs, reach out to your provider today!

CSU Faculty and Staff Housing

Resources and information for current renters and those in search of housing, including legal resources, [click here](#).

State of Colorado

Resources for those facing eviction, foreclosure, or non-payment of utility bills, [click here](#).

Financial Tips

- For 17 tips on how to save money, [click here](#).
- Needs and wants, and how to budget for both. [Click here](#) for the full article.
- What can you do if you experience a loss of income? [Click here](#) for 5 tips!
- Fraudsters are active now, to learn how to avoid Coronavirus scams, [click here](#).
- Cheap-and-easy meals, [click here](#) to view!

Miscellaneous

For CSU Extension Free Gardening Classes, [click here](#).

For Spiritual Care Services at CSU, [click here](#).

Distance Learning

Talent and Development has moved online, but they are still offering a variety of online courses. Please view upcoming learning opportunities by [clicking here](#).

Employee Assistance Program

COVID-19 Guidance and Support 24/7

To read a letter from Jan Pierce, your EAP Coordinator, please [click here](#). Jan is working remotely and is here to support you in this time of uncertainty. For mental health resources please all Compsych. If you are struggling to get connected, feel free to reach out to Jan Pierce by phone or email.

- Mental Health Resources: Compsych, call 24/7 800.497.8133
- Jan Pierce, EAP Coordinator, jan.pierce@colostate.edu, 970.491.3437

CARE Program

Work-Life Resources

The CARE program provides CSU employees with information about, and referrals to, agencies and organizations in Northern Colorado who provide low-cost or no-cost services. Additional COVID-19 resources are available on the CARE website, [click here](#).

C2C: Commitment to Campus

CSU Faculty and Staff are Eligible

Colorado State University's Commitment to Campus encompasses a wide range of programs, discounts, and special benefits available to CSU faculty and staff. To view the available opportunities and to sign up for the monthly emails, [click here](#).