COVID-19
The HR Covid-19 website has helpful information and links for the following:

- HR FAQ
- Benefits
- Time Off
- Managers

SAVE THE DATE
Islander Family Weekend
Friday, October 8 & Saturday, October 9
Visit the Islander Family Weekend website for the schedule of events

Staff Council: Break in the Day
Friday, October 29
UC- Lonestar Ballroom A, B, C
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Retiree Luncheon
Wednesday, October 13
11:30 a.m.
Anchor Ballroom
University Center

On-Campus COVID Testing Kiosk

The University Health Center opened a Curative COVID-19 testing kiosk to provide no-cost COVID-19 testing to students, faculty, and staff.

The new Curative kiosk is located between the Mary & Jeff Bell Library and the Glasscock Center. Kiosk operations will be Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm. Appointments can be booked here.

Information on testing is available on the campus FAQs. Students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 are required to fill out the COVID-19 Reporting form and isolate per CDC guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact the University Health Center at 361.825.2601 or healthcenter@tamucc.edu.
The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season. The University Health Center is hosting several flu vaccine clinics open to current faculty, students, and staff. Vaccines are being administered by Walgreens.

Bring your photo ID and SandDollar$ ID card for entry into the event along with your insurance card.

Cost without insurance is $42.49.

Dates, locations and vaccine clinic hours:

- **October 13 | UC, Lonestar Ballroom C**
- **October 27 | Dugan Wellness Center**
  10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please email the Health Center.

If you have any questions about insurance, please email Benefits.

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Contact information: (833) 505-1314 | [www.2nd.MD/tamus](http://www.2nd.MD/tamus)

Activate your 2ndMD Account
Thinking about RETIREMENT?

Teacher Retirement System (TRS) members have access to an online portal on the TRS website called MyTRS. Members can check highest salaries used in retirement annuity calculations. In addition to reviewing account information employees can request a retirement estimate electronically. Please note that TRS can take up to 90-days to complete requests.

You can also schedule Live Video Office Visits with a TRS Representative to discuss retirement estimates, choosing an annuity plan at retirement, and review the purchase of any special service credit. Optional Retirement Program participants can reach out to their vendor representatives about retirement plans.

ORP Vendor information can be found on the System Benefits website: TAMUS Approved ORP Vendors.

To discuss eligibility for Texas A&M University System Benefits at retirement, please contact Mary Y. Canales at ext. 6081 or mary.canales@tamucc.edu.

Fitness

How can I fit exercise into my busy schedule?

Fitness experts agree that exercising for 20 to 30 minutes three or four days a week can dramatically improve a person's physical health, mental state and overall sense of well-being. However, busy professionals often find it difficult to take time out of their busy schedules to devote to physical activity. If you think you are too busy to include exercise into your regular routine, log into our EAP (Guidance Resources) website and then open the link to read How can I fit exercise into my busy schedule?

If you have never logged into this useful site, you will need to register. Our webID is TAMUS. More information on EAP resources can be found here.

Log into our EAP website and swipe through these quick tips on dealing with stress. If you never logged into this useful site, you will need to register. Our webID is TAMUS. More information on employee resources can be found at here.
Workday Services Education: October Webinars

Correct, Cancel & Rescind

This session will detailed overview about business process definitions and framework for Correct, Cancel and Rescind.

October 13 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Link to meeting click here
Password: Workday | Event Number: 145 994 6934 | Toll Free 1-855-282-6330

Student and Graduate Assistant Employees

This session describes the Hire and Onboarding business processes for undergraduate and graduate students. Topics will include understanding how to appropriately complete the Hire process, the Onboarding actions by Employer and Employee, and taking an active approach in monitoring new hire activities.

October 20 | 10:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Link to meeting click here
Password: Workday | Event Number: 145 546 5064 | Toll Free 1-855-282-6330

Costing Allocations

In this session will have a comprehensive insight into costing allocations starting from the basics and covering sub-process, approvals, auditing reports, and specific scenarios with examples.

October 27 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Link to meeting click here
Password: Workday | Event Number: 145 546 5064 | Toll Free 1-855-282-6330
WORKING WITH WORKDAY

Security

- Time and Absence business process security was updated so employees can see the reason/comments entered when a request is denied.

Staffing

- A notification will be sent to Manager and HR Contact when a new position is created for Faculty or Staff worker types.
- A warning message was added to the Contact Change, Emergency Contact Change and Personal Information Change business processes if a newly hired Employee initiates those processes before Onboarding.

Need a laugh?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Climb Team Survey 2022

CLIMB (Continuous Learning Islanders Made Better) is an annual event that provides employees with a variety of learning opportunities. Plans are underway for this year’s event and we need your help. The CLIMB team would appreciate your input on a short survey that takes a few minutes to complete. Your input provides the CLIMB team with insight when scheduling the events and topics that are offered. Please click on the link here to complete the feedback survey.

Payroll Schedules

FY22 bi-weekly and monthly payroll schedules have been posted on the Payroll website. If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Office at 361.825.3231.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed - Islander Family Weekend

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will host the inaugural Islander Family Weekend on October 8 and 9. Islander Family Weekend welcomes the whole Islander family—from parents to siblings to extended family and chosen family—to visit campus and see TAMU-CC through the eyes of their students.

However, for this event to be successful, volunteers are needed. Please complete the online Volunteer Sign Up by close of business on Monday, October 4th.

Let’s come together to celebrate our Islanders and their families as we showcase our university that weekend! For more information, including the schedule of events, please visit the Islander Family Weekend website. For questions about Islander Family Weekend, please contact Margaret Dechant at 361-825-2863 or email.

IMMIGRATION

COVID-19 Vaccination to be Required on Green Card Medical Exams

Effective October 1, 2021, the USCIS will require applicants subject to the immigration medical examination (Form I-693) to complete the COVID-19 vaccine series. This will include those who have already applied for Adjustment of Status (I-485) and have not yet submitted medical exams, and to those who intend to apply for the benefit in the future.

Applicants must present evidence of COVID-19 vaccinations to the civil surgeon before the medical exam is administered.

Happy Halloween

Q. Why don’t mummies take time off?
A. They’re afraid to unwind.
SHAKAS Welcome to September Hires!

Amber Betsill | Assistant Athletic Trainer
Riley Bullen | Business Coordinator I
Nathan Carr | Athletic Academic Coordinator
Diana Del Angel | Postdoctoral Research Associate
Valerie Franco | Budget Specialist I
Jim Glovach | Athletic Academic Coordinator
Desiree Hofstetter | Assistant Director
Alyssa Kekauoha | Assistant Athletic Trainer
Alison Monroe | Postdoctoral Research Associate
Krista Ramirez | Events Specialist
Neftali Rivera | Assistant Director, Operations
Orlando Salinas | Assistant Softball Coach
Peggy Valdes | Program Director
Isaac Vargas | Research Technician I

Rethink Hiring Strategies to Shore Up Open Positions

Are you struggling to find a qualified worker? Wondering why the hiring process is taking longer than it did some years ago? We are in the midst of the great resignation or the resignation tsunami and employers are feeling it. Learn more here.
No-Cost COVID-19 Testing

Self-collected, shallow nasal PCR test
Results within 24-48 hours from receipt of the sample at the lab

Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Testing site located between the Bell Library and Glasscock Center
6300 Ocean Dr, Corpus Christi, TX
Monday - Friday | 8 am - 6 pm

Locate a testing site near you at curative.com