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Colleagues:

A few items of note as follows:

Testing Locations Over Winter Break

On-campus testing will continue to be available throughout the rest of the Fall semester and Winter Break. Please be sure to check the [testing location page](#) or your Safer Illinois app before heading to a testing location, since hours have been adjusted. You can also refer to <https://covid19.illinois.edu/updates/covid-19-testing-locations-hours-for-fall-and-winter-break/>.

Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan (SVRP)

For those who have questions about the Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan, we've compiled some information that may be helpful.

Illinois Human Resources will be hosting a Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan informational session **today, December 8, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.** At that time, you can observe the live stream through the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/SVRP2020>

There will be an additional briefing from SURS for eligible employees at a later date. Please watch for additional communications.

The application window for the plan opened on December 3, 2020, and will close on Friday, January 15, 2021. Only those employees who received a personalized email message from Illinois Human Resources are eligible to apply. If you believe you are or should be eligible, please contact [Skye Arseneau](#) to confirm. The SVRP is only available to employees on the Urbana-Champaign campus that have met retirement criteria established by SURS, as well as the criteria set by the University of Illinois regarding years of service and age requirements for this voluntary retirement program.

Separations using this program may begin as soon as February 26, 2021, and no later than June 30, 2021. Employees will submit their preferred last day of work on their application. Campus will make reasonable efforts to accommodate that request, however, the last day of employment will be determined by the unit as part of the overall approval process.

For more information, please visit the SVRP [website](#) to learn more about the plan, review a set of FAQs, and find other helpful resources (e.g, how the incentive payment will be taxed, deferral of vacation and sick leave payouts or lump sum option, etc.).

Supervisors should know that employees have until February to finalize with SURS, and if the application is accepted and they change their mind, the employee has the opportunity to reject the official agreement. That means that the employee will not retire and will not get the 20-week lump sum payment, but will continue working in their regular capacity.

Employees that participate in SVRP and who want to return to work as a Returning Retiree, will not be able to do so for a minimum of **SIX MONTHS**. This is different from regular retirement which is only 60 days.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out.

Thank you and be well,

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