

Weekly Newsletter January 2-5, 2024

PQHS NEWS

happy new year

PQHS HEADSHOTS FOR WEBSITE



PQHS would like to encourage all staff and faculty to get their headshots taken in their best outfit during this season as this will be used to update our website. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. **See updated link for new options:** [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com)

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from. Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about anything, but **NO WORK TALK**. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!
Click [here](#) to sign up!

WELCOME TO PQHS



Welcome to PQHS!! Excited to share that Sara Mazzola has accepted the Academic Administrator II position. She has over 16 years' experience, most recently as a Grants Manager at the Harvard Medical School. She will be joining us on January 8th. Please help welcome Sara to the PQHS Finance Team!

Welcome to PQHS!! Cameron Sheary has accepted the Grants and Contracts Specialist position and will be starting with us on January 16th. Cameron has 9 years' experience as a Finance Associate/Analyst, and we're delighted to have him join our team. His office will be located on the 7th floor next to Mary McNally. Please help welcome Cameron to the PQHS Finance Team!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, January 29, 2024, 2:00-4:00PM

"Striving for Impact: Designing the Community – Academic Research Dissemination Process to Foster Equity"

Presented by: Kathleen Szegda, PhD, MPH, MS, Director of Community Research and

Evaluation at the Public Health Institute of Western MA (PHIWM) & Sarah Goff MD, PhD, Associate Professor and Program Head of Health Policy and Management at UMass Amherst



Click [here](#) to Register.



Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 12:00-1:00PM

“Making Reproducibility Research More Systematic”

Presented by: Abel Brodeur, PhD, Assistant Professor at University of Ottawa & Institute for Replication

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 602937

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



Deadline to Use Your Personal Time

The last day for all employees to use their 2023 Personal Time will be on January 13, 2024. Employees will be awarded their 2024 Personal Time on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, which will be available in their timesheet. The 2024 personal time will be reflected on the January 19, 2024, Pay Advice.

To avoid the potential loss of any Personal Time, we suggest you check your Personal Time by using [HR Direct](#). If you have Personal Time that has not been used, work with your manager to plan for the use of the time. Your manager must approve your planned Personal Time in advance. Also, please review and update any home address information in [HR Direct](#) in anticipation for the tax season.

To view the UMass Chan Personal Time policy, click [here](#) or the policy image to the right. You will need to be logged into the intranet system to view the page.

If you have questions, please email HRCommunications@umassmed.edu.

GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES
To Prevent the Spread of Viruses

<p>20 Seconds</p> <p>Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</p>	<p>Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth</p>	<p>Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing</p>	<p>Disinfect surfaces at home and at work</p>
<p>Stay home when you're sick and not feeling well</p>	<p>Avoid contact with people who are sick</p>	<p>Do Social Distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from people</p>	<p>Avoid large gatherings of people (as determined by authorities)</p>

Holiday season public health reminders: With the holiday season upon us, many will be traveling and gathering with family, friends and colleagues, which, while festive, may increase the possibility of contracting COVID-19, the flu, RSV and other viruses or infectious diseases. Consider masking while on public transportation and in crowded areas. Please be reminded to follow good public health practices, including receiving annual vaccinations against influenza, COVID-19 and, if in a risk group, RSV ([How to Get Your Flu, COVID-19, and RSV Vaccines This Year | CDC](#)) and practicing good hygiene, including frequent hand washing. If you are experiencing symptoms of any illness, contact your health care providers, avoid coming to work or school, and contact Employee or Student Health for return-to-work guidance.

[Click here for instructions on what to do if you are experiencing symptoms or are exposed to COVID-19.](#) We continue to require that individuals who test positive for COVID-19 report the test result to Employee or Student Health so that we can prevent outbreaks.

Free, at-home COVID-19 tests are available to order at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. To locate COVID-19 vaccines in your area, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for helping to keep our campus community safe and healthy.



Holiday season is upon us. Here is the [link](#) to the Holiday Calendars for UMass Chan Medical School.

Following Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- New Year's Day – Monday, January 1st
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 15th
- Presidents Day – Monday, February 19th
- Patriots' Day – Monday, April 15th
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29th
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th



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PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.