

Office of Human Resources Management

# COVID-19 Timesheet Guidance and Instructions For Faculty, Staff, and Students

## **Spring Break Holiday**

Monday, March 16, 2020 and Tuesday, March 17, 2020 are designated as Spring Break holidays for Faculty and Staff. Employees who do not qualify for these paid holidays must code their timesheet with annual or personal leave. If no leave is available, the noted day(s) must be coded by supervisors as "Unpaid - Leave Without Pay".

Monday, March 16, 2020 through Sunday, March 22, 2020 is the Spring Break observance for students. Online instruction began on March 23, 2020.

#### **COVID-19 Mandates**

When the COVID-19 mandates were issued, it is important to note that the USM Schools including UMES did not close down operations; the Universities began operating based on modified/altered work schedules. <u>The modified/altered work schedules began on March 13, 2020 and will continue until further notice.</u>

The purpose of the modified/altered work schedules is to reduce the number of people physically present at any location and to insure that no more than 10 people gather at any given time. Additionally, the modified/altered work schedules allowed those who needed to be on campus, to practice social distancing by remaining at least 6 feet apart from colleagues/coworkers in offices or other spaces). These preventative practices have been employed to reduce the spread of the corona virus commonly known as COVID-19.

The modified/altered work schedule changes incorporated several different options for the various categories of employees at UMES. Some employees are:

- 1. Assigned to be on the campus each day or as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the department.
- 2. Assigned to perform duties based on an alternative work schedule or work at a different location as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the department.
- 3. Assigned to Telework (complete office/departmental duties at home).
- 4. Assigned to be on Administrative Leave (could not perform job duties from home).

## What type of leave do I use?

Administrative Leave				
Leave Type	Description of Usage	Who is Eligible		
Administrative Leave (COVID-19)	Employee is in a position that is not appropriate for telework.	Non-Exempt – Regular, C2 & C1		
Job duties normally performed on campus cannot be performed from a home location (i.e. Driver, Painter, electrician, auto mechanic, etc.)	There is no work for employee to perform either off or onsite.	Exempt – Regular, C2, & C1		
	Employee is unable to telework due to the necessity to care for a child or dependent adult.	Faculty – Regular		
		Graduate Assistants		
	Graduate assistants, adjunct faculty and student employees who (1) do not earn leave and (2) who cannot accomplish their required duties via teleworking.	Adjunct Faculty		
		Students		
		(Workship &		
		Financial Aid)		

## Sick Leave, Excused Absence, and Family Medical Leave

The noted policies are modified temporarily as the USM makes every attempt to protect employees due to COVID-19 circumstances

Leave Type	Description of Usage	Who is Eligible
Sick Leave	Employee's or family member's COVID-19 illness	Exempt - Regular, C2 & C1
BOR VII-7.45 Policy on Sick and Safe Leave for Nonexempt and Exempt Staff Employees  BOR II – 2.30 Policy on Sick and Safe Leave for Faculty Members  BOR VII – 1.40 Policy on Contingent Status Employment for Nonexempt and Exempt Staff Employees	Employee's need to self-isolate or be quarantined if not ill or injured, if employee is not able to telework from home  Employee's need to supervise a dependent child or dependent adult family member who needs supervision due to self-isolation, quarantine, or COVID-19-related school or daycare closure.  Employee is sent home from the workplace due to concerning symptoms or suspected COVID-19 exposure based on established standards, if employee is not able to telework from home.	Non-Exempt - Regular, C2 & C1 Faculty Students (sick and safe leave accruals)
Leave Type	Description of Usage	Who is Eligible
Excused Absence	An excused absence will be granted to those employees who are required to physically report to work; but cannot because of one the situations listed below:	Non-Exempt – Regular, C2 & C1 Exempt – Regular, C2, & C1

	The employee is immuno-compromised	Faculty – Regular
	The employee is over the age of 60.	Graduate Assistants
	The employee has CDC-recognized underlying conditions.	Adjunct Faculty
	The employee is considered by CDC guidance to be high-risk regarding COVID-19 for other reasons not specifically stated in this document.	Students (Workship & Financial Aid)
	Or	
	The individual is a Graduate Assistant who is unable to perform their duties in person or via telework due to	
	Employee's or family member's COVID-19 illness	
	Employee's need to self-isolate or be quarantined if not ill or injured, if employee is not able to telework from home	
	Employee's need to supervise a dependent child or dependent adult family member who needs supervision due to self-isolation, quarantine, or COVID-19-related school or daycare closure.	
	Employee is sent home from the workplace due to concerning symptoms or suspected COVID-19 exposure based on established standards, if employee is not able to telework from home.  Graduate assistants and student employees who	
	(1) do not earn sick leave;	
	(2) are in positions that are not appropriate for telework; or	
	(3) are unable to telework due to the necessity to care for a child or dependent adult, <b>may</b> be assigned temporarily to an alternative work location or schedule or granted an excused absence without any loss of pay.	
Leave Type	Description of Usage	Who is Eligible
Family and Medical Leave	To accommodate practical limitations resulting from COVID-19 circumstances.	All regular status employees
	FML will be applied as appropriate under existing policies.	

#### **Pay Administration**

Nonexempt employees' directed to report to their regular campus location will be paid regular wages for the shift that is worked on campus. In addition, those employees required to work on campus will be given the choice of receiving compensatory time or a cash equivalent payment in the amount of administrative leave granted to other employees who support that operation or work in the building or location (Premium Time). Legal requirements regarding overtime eligibility under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall apply.

Non-Exempt (Regular, Contingent 2, and Contingent 1) employees' teleworking will receive their regular salary for their shift for each workday.

**Non-Exempt Employees (Regular and Contingent 2)** required to report to the campus for duty must record time in, time out and lunch breaks accounting for the period of time worked on campus. Additionally, the "Administrative Leave code for COVID19" must be used to document 8 hours of administrative leave to properly calculate premium pay.

**Non-Exempt Employees (Contingent 1)** required to report to campus for duty must record time in, time out and lunch breaks accounting for the period of time worked on campus. No additional administrative leave (Premium Time) will be applied.

Exempt (Regular, Contingent 2, and Contingent 1) employees' teleworking or coming to the campus intermittently will receive their regular salary.

**Faculty** teleworking or coming to the campus intermittently will receive their regular salary.

**Adjunct Faculty** working remotely or coming to the campus intermittently will receive payment according to the terms of their contract.

**Students (Financial Aid/Workstudy)** Only students working on Federal Financial Aid, receiving Federal funds, will receive payment for the remainder of the semester.

**Students (Workship)** – No hours should be recorded on student timesheets related to campus worksites as no students can physically work on campus. Work exceptions (non-campus work sites) must be sent to <a href="mailto:asmanuel@umes.edu">asmanuel@umes.edu</a> for approval. Please explain what duties are needed to be performed and the impact on your department if those duties are not performed.

## **Timesheet Completion**

**Exempt Employees** assigned to telework should complete their duty day timesheet in the normal manner.

**Non-Exempt Employees** assigned to telework should document time in, time out and lunch breaks in the normal manner.

**Non-Exempt Employees** - required to report to the campus for duty must record time in, time out and lunch breaks accounting for the period of time worked on campus. Additionally, the "Administrative Leave code for COVID19 must be used to document 8 hours of administrative leave to properly calculate premium pay.

Exempt and Non-Exempt Employees (Regular and Contingent II) and Faculty (Regular) who have not been assigned to complete any telework duties, must use the designated "Administrative Leave code for COVID19". The code is accessible by utilizing the drop down menu as noted on timesheets.

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**Contingent I Employees** assigned to telework should complete their timesheet based on hours worked – time in, time out and lunch breaks if applicable.

**Contingent I Employees** not assigned to complete any telework duties will receive payment for their normal work hours per their contract.

**Graduate Assistants** not assigned any telework duties will receive payment for their normal work hours per their contract. The Form VII must be completed for each month of employment. Administrative Leave must be inserted on the timesheet during the qualified COVID19 events. Each departmental Administrative Assistant is responsible for maintaining the forms for the department.

**Graduate Assistants** assigned to telework duties will receive payment for their normal work hours per their contract. The Form VII must be completed for each month of employment. Duty Days must be inserted on the timesheet for telework during the COVID19 events. Each departmental Administrative Assistant is responsible for maintaining the forms for the department.

**Students** (Federal Financial Aid) must insert their normal time in and time out utilizing approved, scheduled hours prior to the COVID-19 events.

### **Payroll Check Distribution**

In preparation for changing events, <u>all employees receiving paper payroll checks must review their current payroll address to ensure that it is correct</u>. If the address is not correct, please correct your address utilizing the W4 form link below.

https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/statepayroll/Static\_Files/Employee\_W4/2020\_Federal\_Form\_W-4.pdf

Although the exact date has not been determined at this time, all employees receiving paper payroll checks will receive them in the mail. Employees will be notified when the mandated mailing of payroll checks will take place. Once the mandate is in place, payroll checks will not be available for employee

pickup from the Office of Human Resources. For convenience, employees (faculty, staff, and students) receiving paper payroll checks, are encouraged to enroll in direct deposit with an agency of choice utilizing the link below:

https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/statepayroll/Static Files/Direct Deposit Form.pdf

Please note the following information needed to complete the linked forms.

Name of Employing Agency: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Agency Code: 360225

### **Supervisors**

It is the responsibility of supervisors to ensure that timesheets are completed accurately with the correct coding for the work status of the employee before electronically signing the timesheets.

#### **Office of Human Resources Contacts**

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the persons listed below for assistance:

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