

Admin Education Officers/Analysts & Education Officers/Analysts

Enjoy the holidays but wear that mask!

We hope all is well with our UFT family. As the holiday season approaches, we know how different and difficult this year is for most of you. While, we can't enjoy our family and friends as we have in the past, we know many of you will celebrate in a smaller way with those in your pandemic pods. We encourage everyone to practice social distancing, meet outside when the weather permits and wear your mask.

Here is a list of our scheduled days off for the holidays:

- Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020
- Friday, Dec. 25, 2020
- Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

As always, thank you for all you do to keep our schools up and running. Our work, especially during these months, has never been so important. We hope you enjoy your holidays.

Sincerely,

Denise and Ardell

Reminder: Help us map your chapter by filling out our inventory form!

We need to collect accurate data about our chapter members to understand how our membership is distributed geographically and organizationally throughout the Department of Education. While this data collection requires time, we believe it is critical to build a strong chapter and ensure its long-term viability. If you have not already done so, please return our inventory form below.

Fill out the inventory form

If you're interested in participating in our working group, please contact us at dcrawford@uft.org or ajlongtemple@uft.org.

Reminder: Our joint chapter meeting is on Dec. 15

If you haven't already registered, please join our remote chapter meeting. We'll discuss important updates for members of both chapters as well as discuss issues of importance to the city and school system.

- **Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 15
- **Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

Register now

Once you've registered, you'll receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting. If you have any questions, please click on the "Ask a Question" tab on the registration website. We look forward to "seeing" you there!

Sign up for virtual pension workshops

The UFT Pension Department has planned a series of online workshops covering a range of topics to help you understand your options at retirement. Register for the next Tier 4 sessions using the links below. Both workshops take place on Zoom from 4 to 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 15: "Pension, Milestones, Final Average Salary Calculations."
[Register now »](#)
 - Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021: "Tax Deferred Annuity Program, the UFT's Supplemental Health Insurance Program; the COPE Fund, and the Retired Teachers Chapter."
[Register now »](#)
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Extension of medical accommodations

The DOE will automatically extend a 12-month employee's medical accommodation through the end of June. The DOE should have sent you an email confirming the extension. If you haven't received that email, call the UFT at [212-331-6311](tel:212-331-6311). This automatic extension does not apply to members who received an accommodation for pregnancy. If have not yet given birth, you may apply for an extension. If you gave birth and you are not on a leave of absence, you may apply for another accommodation if you have an eligible underlying medical condition.

Contact the UFT

The UFT is ready to assist you and answer your questions about union rights and benefits.

- DOE functional chapter members, call [212-331-6312](tel:212-331-6312).
- A health benefit question? Call the Welfare Fund at [212-539-0500](tel:212-539-0500).



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