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DUTU Covid-19 Q & A

April 28, 2020

1. **If it comes down to it, can we file for unemployment?**

We are currently employed and receiving pay. Unless the state changes 10 month employment qualifications for unemployment we are not entitled to apply. With that being said I do know that NEA is battling this at the legislative level for ESP's.

If you have any additional jobs you may want to do some research for yourself. Here is a link to get you started.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/COVID-19-and-Unemployment-Benefits.aspx>

2. **When will we have access to our buses and lockers at base?**

We have asked. We do know that on 4/23/20 Governor Pritzker announced a modified stay at home to start on May 1st and listed was this:

SCHOOLS: Educational institutions may allow and establish procedures for pick-up of necessary supplies or student belongings. Dormitory move-outs must follow public health guidelines, including social distancing.

Also ISBE has sent out notification stating districts need to discuss procedures for access to buildings using social distancing and other safety precautions. We expect to be included in this and when we hear of procedures for us to pick up our supplies we will share that info.

3. **Is summer school happening? What about non driving summer work?**

As of right now summer school is on hold. There has been no decision for summer school. We will keep you updated once we receive information.

4. **Has there been any talk about the 2020-2021 school year?**

Below is the information that has been shared with me. Please note: Dates are tentative.

Pick days: July 29th, July 30th, July 31st

Dry run days: August 3rd, August 4th

First InService meeting: August 5th

Discussion is happening on having the call center open and work available for us to sign up for on pick days. Call center tentative dates are: August 10th, August 11th

5. **Has the Secretary of State extended renewal processes?**

Please take time to review the extension using these links. “Jesse White Announce Emergency Rules Filed to Extend Expiration Dates for DLs, IDs and Vehicle Registrations for at Least 90 Days after Driver Services Facilities Reopen”

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2020/april/200410d1.pdf>

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/special/covidfaq.pdf>

6. **When will our DUTU local election for Officers and Governing Council take place?**

Below is a memo that I have shared with the Governing Council and now sharing with all members.

April 27, 2020

Dear Governing Council (shared with Membership 4/28/20)

As you know, DUTU was scheduled to have our local election in March of 2020. Due to Covid-19 and the stay at home order this election has been postponed. As DUTU President I have decided to wait until school goes back into session to hold this election in person. This was a tough decision and I didn't make it easily.

After discussions with DUTU Executive Officers and DUTU Election Chair, I made the decision based on this information:

1. In an IEA memo that was sent out April 1, 2020 it states IEA is “advising that all local associations postpone all local officer and region council representative elections until after the stay-at-home order is lifted even if that means that the elections must occur either sometime this summer or in the fall shortly after the 2020-2021 school year begins”

2. The Election handbook states “In the event of an emergency school closing, the election will be conducted on the next day school is in session.”
3. We have language in our DUTU bylaws that states, “ The term of office for Executive Officers will commence on the day following the last day of student attendance. The term will be two (2) years and until a successor is elected. Officers may succeed themselves.

In being transparent we were given an option of doing a mail ballot along with Region 63. I didn't agree with this route for the reasons above and also I am not confident with members' addresses being accurate therefore not confident that ballots will be received. I think it is best for DUTU to continue our elections in house and in person. This will give all active members the best opportunity to vote.

Thank you
Heather Weiss
DUTU President