

WEEKLY STAFF NEWS | 8.9.2021

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID and Delta Variant We continue to closely monitor the evolving situation in Los Angeles, including that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people are reporting illness from the Delta variant. We have had a total of nine Getty employees who were working on our sites report testing positive for COVID in the last month. Based on our rigorous contact tracing, we do not believe any cases were contracted at our worksites. We reviewed the recent cases with Los Angeles County Public Health (LACPH) and they agree that the positive cases did not appear to originate at our sites. Our workplaces remain safe and we are following guidance for mask-wearing indoors. We will continue to offer on-site COVID testing for any employee who wants it, and testing is required for anyone not fully vaccinated. The [vaccination verification and testing schedule through October 1](#) is attached.

Our policy is to continue to follow LACPH guidance with respect to both workplaces and museums, and the county has not suggested any closures. We continue to plan for a return of more staff back to offices September 7. In other areas where the Delta variant has dominated, including in the UK, which has similar vaccination rates to the US, daily increase in case numbers have peaked at about 45 days, then quickly dropped back down. We will watch Los Angeles cases closely to see if the same pattern occurs. LA is about four weeks into its current spike in cases.

Annual Commute Survey Reminder Each year the Getty Center is required by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to complete a survey of our staff's commute behavior. This year's survey period is August 2–6, 2021. This annual survey is mandatory and your participation is required. Surveys should be submitted by Friday, August 13.

[Here is a link to the electronic survey.](#) A hard copy form is also attached for anyone who would prefer to complete their survey manually. Please send your hard copy surveys to Hilary Martinez, Security Admin. Suite, L2, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Please also direct any additional questions regarding this annual requirement directly to rideshare coordinator Hilary Martinez, HMartinez@getty.edu. Thank you for your participation and cooperation!

Reminder: Work in Getty Center Main Parking (NEP) Today

The emergency power generator on the P1 level of Main Parking (NEP) at the Getty Center may run intermittently between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday, August 9, due to some electrical work in the garage. This work will not affect staff parking.

NEWS

Getty Joins Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) Getty is now an associate member of [the DPC, an international foundation supporting digital preservation](#), helping members around the world deliver digital content and services through community engagement, advocacy, and training. Our involvement in this organization will deepen collaboration with colleagues across the world who work to maintain access to digital resources. Members also include the Library of Congress, Internet Archive, Yale, the Tate, and the British Museum. For more information join the #digital_preservation Slack channel or contact Teresa Soleau at tsoleau@getty.edu.

EVENTS

From Laundry Lists to Liturgies: The Origins of Writing in Ancient Mesopotamia

Join Assyriologist Irving Finkel of the British Museum and Timothy Potts for a lively conversation about the cuneiform script of Mesopotamia, the first-known writing system. In illuminating its development and dissemination across time and borders, they discuss the training of scribes, the range of subjects preserved in cuneiform, and the many languages recorded in this script over 3,500 years. Mesopotamian culture and science deeply influenced Greek and Roman thought and have an enduring impact today. [Sign up in advance for this online event](#), held August 11 at 11 a.m.

Nahua Voices on the Conquest of Mexico The Florentine Codex Initiative and GRI will present "[Nahua Voices on the Conquest of Mexico: 'De cómo los españoles conquistaron a la ciudad de México' Book 12, Florentine Codex](#)," commemorating the quincentennial of the fall of the Aztec Empire. A live reading of the eye-witness accounts of survivors recorded in Book 12 of the Florentine Codex will highlight the perspective of Nahuatl-speaking Mexicas in the original Nahuatl and Spanish text, along with an English translation. Readers of all ages and backgrounds have been invited to help bring alive this early colonial account of the conquest of Mexico. The day will close with a musical performance by the Christopher Garcia Music project and poetry readings by the artist and poetry group Project 1521, featuring Gloria Alvarez, Adolfo Guzman-Lopez, and Diana Magaloni and the art of Sandy Rodriguez. Offered in English, Spanish, and Nahuatl, this program is a collaboration between the Florentine Codex Initiative, LACMA, and Biblioteca Nacional de Antropología e Historia, and is part of the GRI's Untold Stories series, which explores how new works, people, and interpretations can shed new light on our understanding of and appreciation for the history of art. [Register in advance to attend this online event](#), hosted on Zoom, Friday, August 13, 2021, 9 am - 5 pm, PDT.

Laughter and Mischief Return to the Villa's Outdoor Theater Tickets are on sale for LIZASTRATA, as the Villa welcomes audiences back this September. LA-based Troubadour Theater

Company retells Aristophanes's Lysistrata set to Liza Minelli's greatest hits. No sequin will be spared! A hilarious, musical retelling of one of history's greatest theatrical offerings, LIZASTRATA takes on the establishment, storms the Acropolis, and holds the treasury hostage until the long-warring men of Athens and Sparta commit to declaring peace. Her strategy? All the women go on a sex strike. [Buy your tickets.](#)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getty Anniversaries This Week

Five Years

- Annie Combs-Brookes, Development & Communications, GRI
- Adam Grosher, Investment Administration

10 Years

- Arpad Kovacs, Photographs, Museum
- Amy Hood, Trust Communications

15 Years

- Jun Garcia, Enterprise Systems & Integration, Getty Digital

20 Years

- Anthony Gray, Warehouse Stores

Comings and Goings: July 16-31, 2021

Arrivals

- Alejandro Ramos, Visitor Services
- Alexandra Cervantes, Visitor Services
- Riel Johnston, Visitor Services
- Dominique Shands, Visitor Services
- Jennifer De Leon, Visitor Services
- Mina Ghorbani, Visitor Services
- Tarah Kuhn, Visitor Services
- Tucker Boggs, Visitor Services
- William Ramirez, Visitor Services

Departures

- Carlee Unger, Public Programs Villa, Museum
- Meena Ramani, Security Operations
- Nikolas Sigloch, Security Operations
- Selina Zawacki, Software and User Experience, GDI

- Brandon McMillan, Security Operations
- Corey Howell, Visitor Services
- Patricia Rainwater, Procurement and Contract Services

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