

WEEKLY STAFF NEWS | 8.2.2021

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID Cases Over the past three weeks, eight Getty employees who worked on site tested positive. Everyone who was in close contact with each individual who tested positive was personally notified. In addition, the positive cases triggered AB685 notices (see 7/26 Getty THIS WEEK for more information) that were sent to more employees. After reporting these cases to the County Health Department, as required, they determined that “this cluster of cases does not meet their definition of an outbreak.” The attached Return to Work/COVID FAQs and related documents include updated information about what to do if you have been exposed to COVID or have tested positive.

Vaccine Exceptions As stated in Steve Olsen’s update to staff on July 22, Getty will require vaccines of everyone this fall, with the goal of having everyone fully vaccinated by the time we return in September. Some people may not be able to receive the vaccine due to a disability, medical condition, or sincerely held religious belief and practice. In those cases, employees will need to complete the attached Request for Vaccine Exception Form (also available on GO, on the Coronavirus Page, FAQs, Policies and Other General Information). The completed form must be submitted to Human Resources to determine whether an exception may be accommodated.

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

Friends, Family, and Colleagues (FFC) Complimentary Parking We are pleased to announce that FFC complimentary parking coupons for the Getty Center and Getty Villa are now available by request. Every employee, volunteer, and docent is eligible to receive up to four FFC coupons per fiscal year (through June 30, 2022). Employees can request coupons using their Getty email accounts. Volunteer and docent FFC coupons are distributed by their program coordinators. Important: FFC coupons only provide complimentary parking. They do not guarantee access to the Getty Center or Getty Villa. All visitors must first obtain timed reservations by visiting [Getty.edu](https://www.getty.edu) in advance of their visit. Please visit the [Reservations & Access](#) page on GO for information on how to request FFC coupons.

Library August Services The Library will continue its phased reopening to Getty staff, Getty docents, and a small group of additional registered readers, including Library Research Grant Recipients, by offering expanded services during August. See the attached PDF for more information about library services.

- Proof of vaccination against COVID-19 will be required of all readers.
- The Reference staff will gradually expand the desk's in-person hours while continuing to provide a virtual reference desk 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.
- Curbside service has ended. Materials may be returned directly to the Circulation Desk on L2.
- Library Circulation will move to daily paging and delivery schedules, including daily deliveries to the Museum, GCI, South Building and Villa.
- Library open stacks including; books, periodicals, and the photo archive on GRI's L2 and L3 floors will be open for browsing and self-checkout (if applicable).
- Library Circulation added nearly 8,500 new books to the open stacks on L2 and L3, significantly enhancing the relevance of these browsable areas. New books will be added regularly, and older publications moved to storage as needed.
- The Special Collections Reading Room will expand its hours to 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.
- Interlibrary loan will resume daily deliveries of requested ILL materials.

Annual Commute Survey Every year, Getty is required by the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to survey employees on their commute to work (even if you are working from home). This year's survey week is August 2–6. Later this week, staff will receive an email with a link to the commute survey. Hard copy forms will also be available upon request. If you have questions about how to fill out this year's commute survey, please send them to rideshare coordinator Hilary Martinez, at HMartinez@getty.edu.

NEWS

Summer 2021 Getty Magazine [Check out the latest issue of Getty magazine](#). In this issue, learn how collectors Leonard and Jean Brown built an archive of avant-garde and Fluxus art, read the fascinating history of Artemisia Gentileschi, see the concrete buildings in Brazil a GCI researcher is determined to save, and find out what the first Post-Bacc Getty conservations interns have been up to this past year.

African Workshop on 20th-Century Historic Thematic Framework In July, the GCI's [Conserving Modern Architecture Initiative](#) hosted an online workshop to introduce African heritage professionals to the [Twentieth-Century Historic Thematic Framework](#), which was created by the GCI and the ICOMOS International Twentieth Century Scientific Committee. The framework identifies the predominate global historic processes that shaped the world's built environment in the 20th century. Partnering with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), the workshop was designed to increase familiarity with the Thematic Framework and explore its use in an upcoming survey of modern heritage in Africa. This event complemented the Modern Heritage of Africa Initiative (MoHoA) which is

a continent-wide cohort of African conservation practitioners and academics focused on identifying, protecting, and conserving modern heritage across Africa.

EVENTS

A Virtual Visit to Morocco This year's Museum Public Affairs Graduate Intern, Yousra Rebbani, has been working remotely from Morocco. She invites all you travel lovers to take a virtual trip to this fascinating country on August 5 at noon. Please [join via this Zoom link](#). To help get you in the mood, Yousra has created this [Spotify playlist of Moroccan music](#) and invites you to enjoy a cup of mint tea (recipe attached).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getty Anniversaries This Week

20 Years

- Christine Cook, Paper Conservation, Museum
- Thomas Roby, GCI Building and Sites

30 Years

- Diane Huseby, Research Services, GRI

35 Years

- Bob Combs, Security Administration

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