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## IFAS HR ROUNDTABLE JULY 2023

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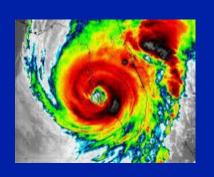
## IFAS HR



(352) 392-4777 (phone tree)

Ifas-hr@ifas.ufl.edu

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE







#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE**

#### **ENSURE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE A PAYCHECK**

- Be prepared for an unexpected early payroll close.
- Report the number of hours scheduled to work.
- Approve time daily.
- Notify IFAS HR or UF Payroll if a supervisor is unable to approve time.

#### EMPLOYEES THAT WORK OUTSIDE OF MAIN CAMPUS AREA

If the county government of your work location closes schools and other county offices obtain the details shown below for Faculty, TEAMS, USPS members and email to

#### IFAS-HR@ifas.ufl.edu

UFID	Name	Date	Hours	County/City
1234-5678	Ally Gator	7/14/2023	8	Dade / Homestead

#### **EMERGENCY CLOSING – BEFORE A STORM**

Update Essential Employee designations.

# On-Campus Essential - Working on campus Continuation of critical and/or essential services that must be completed on-site Maintaining integrity of infrastructure, property or systems on-site Necessary on-campus work to maintain the safety and wellbeing of students, faculty and staff Remote Essential - Working from a remote location, may need periodic access to campus Work is required to maintain operations and business continuity of the University and can be completed remotely Supervisor approved access to campus may be needed periodically to complete required work Remote Non-essential - Working from a remote location, does not need access to campus Work is important to the University and can be completed remotely, but is not essential to maintain operations and business continuity

Update emergency contact information

UF Emergency Management website - <a href="https://emergency.ufl.edu/">https://emergency.ufl.edu/</a>

IFAS Announcements will establish a helpful TEAMS page.

#### **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

#### **BEFORE A STORM**

- Update emergency contact information and Essential Employee designations.
- Stay informed
- UF Emergency Management website <a href="https://emergency.ufl.edu/">https://emergency.ufl.edu/</a>
- IFAS Announcements will establish a helpful TEAMS page.

#### **AFTER A STORM**

- Aid-a-Gator emergency funding program to assist faculty and staff who experience a temporary financial hardship.
  - Annual \$1,500 cap per employee.
  - https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/gatorperks/aid-a-gator/
  - AidaGator@hr.ufl.edu



#### IFAS - Hurricane Ian

General

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Communication resources

Emergency Response and Recovery Resources

ESF-17- SART meetings

Flooding Resources

IFAS Needs for Faculty and Staff Members

Marine Assessments

Pictures from Hurricane Ian challenges

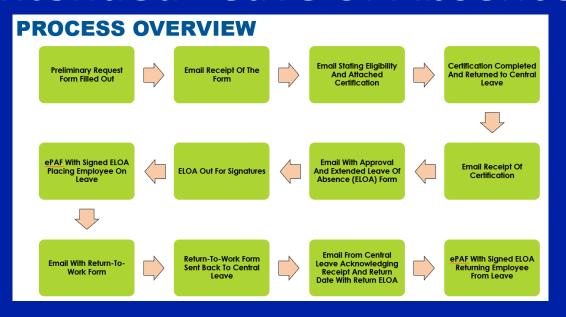
Storm Tracking



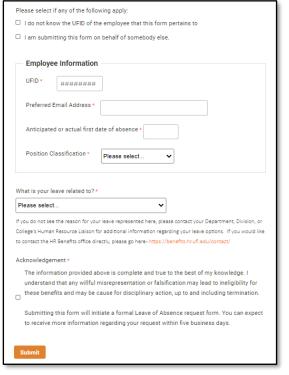
# EXTENDED LEAVE OVERVIEW



### **Extended Leave of Absence**



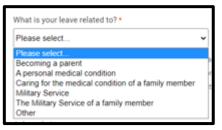
#### FIRST STEP: PRELIMINARY LEAVE REQUEST FORM



https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/time-away/extended-leave-of-absence-request-form/

## Employee or someone on behalf of employee may submit Preliminary Leave Request Form





Central Leave team will review and email the preliminary leave benefit eligibility results.

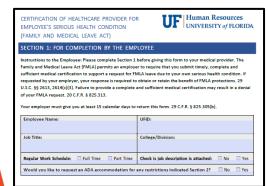


## MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

### Medical Certification form must be completed by a physician. \*Not required for Parental Leave of Absence

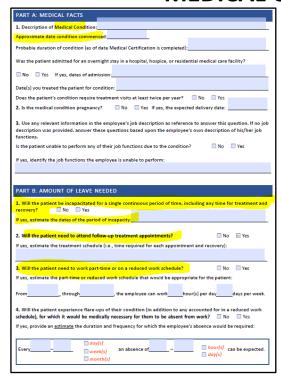
Central Leave will provide job description with ELOA packet.

Is the job description in the system accurate?



Certification of Health Care Provider for Family Member's Serious Health Condition (Family and Medical Leave Act)	UF UFID:_	Office of Human Resource Services UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; RI	ETURN TO THE PATIENT.	OMB Control Number: 1235-0003 Entropy: \$31,2018
SECTION 1: For Completion by the EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS to the EMPLOYER: The Family and M may require an employee seeking FMLA protections because member with a serious health condition to submit a medical covered family member. Please complete Section I before g.	e of a need for leave to e certification issued by the	are for a covered family se health care provider of the

#### MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FORM



#### **Medical Certification should confirm**

- 'FMLA qualifying event'
- Leave of absence Type
- Leave of absence Start and End Dates

Any questions concerning how to complete this form or the Family Medical Leave Act, more generally, can be addressed to your UFHR-Central Leave Team at (352) 392-2477 or <a href="mailto:central-leave@ufl.edu">central-leave@ufl.edu</a>.

The completed form can be sent via secure fax to 352-392-5166, emailed to fmla@hr.ufl.edu, dropped off in person or mailed to 903 W University Avenue, PO Box 115007, Gainesville, FL 32611-5007

## Completed Medical Certification Form should be sent to

fmla@hr.UFL.EDU or

fax to (352) 392-5166

#### MEDICAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW

## Central Leave Team will determine leave/benefits eligibility and provide an ELOA packet.

Email will be sent to the employee and HRL containing.

- 1. Extended Leave of Absence (ELOA) packet
- 2. Verify Paid Family Leave benefit
- 3. Verify FMLA eligibility
- 4. Time reporting instructions
- 5. Return to work process



\*if appropriate

## **Extended Leave of Absence**

## **ELOA PACKET**

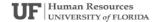


## FACULTY ELOA

#### Will Faculty Tenure Status Be Impacted?

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

\*Faculty (Check all that apply)



NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY, AND RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES (Staff, Faculty)

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(Refer to section UF Regulation 7.019(3)(c)1.a for more info	ormation on tenure)	
Tenure Accruing	Yes	□ No
Tenure Accruing Faculty Requesting an Extension of T	Tenure Yes	☐ No
Probationary Period?	(see Important Note below)	
IMPORTANT NOTE: If faculty intends to request an ex- Form must be completed and submitted to the Provo		
Required Signatures (listed in order in which the 1		
The approval(s) that follow are required only Personal Leave of Absence Extension o		
3(a)	OR	

AFTER SECURING THE PROPER SIGNATURE FROM 3(a):

 $\frac{\text{https://aa.ufl.edu/media/aaufledu/tenure-and-promotion/2021-Request-for-Extension-of-Tenure-Probationary-Period.pdf}{}$ 



#### **ELOA**

## Action Reason Leave Dates

Action Requested:			
✓ New Leave of Absence		✓ Return from Leave	
✓ ePAF Required		✓ Date of Return: 6/08/2023	
Reason for Leave Request:			
The birth of my child: placeme	nt of a child with me for adoption, or	r foster care	
✓ The birth of my child; placement of a child with me for adoption, or foster care My serious health condition Workers' Compensation			
A serious health condition affecting my: Spouse Child Parent			
Expected Leave Dates			
✓ Continuous Leave	Begin Date: 1/11/2023	End Date: 2/03/2023	
✓ Reduced Work Schedule	Begin Date: 2/06/2023	End Date: 6/07/2023	
Sporadic Leave	Begin Date:	End Date:	
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#### CONTINUOUS

- Employee will be absent from work 15 days or more continuously.
- Requires Supporting Documentation (Ex. Medical Certification)
- Requires an Extended Leave of Absence Form (ELOA)
- Requires an ePAF at start and end of leave
- Requires Return to Work Paperwork (Medical Only)

#### REDUCED WORK SCHEDULE

- Employee will be absent at least one day a week OR work less than 40 hours a week over a continuous period of time.
- Requires Supporting Documentation (Ex. Medical Certification)
- Requires an Extended Leave of Absence Form (ELOA)
- Requires an ePAF at start and end of leave

#### **SPORADIC**

- Employee will be absent from work on an intermittent basis.
- Requires Supporting Documentation (Ex. Medical Certification)
- Requires an Extended Leave of Absence Form (ELOA)





## **ELOA**Paid Family

#### PAID FAMILY LEAVE

(Faculty, TEAMS, USPS)

Paid Family Leave Eligibility
✓ Eligible for Paid Parental Leave
✓ You may request up-to 320 hours, provided there is no deviation from this leave schedule
You must log hours of accrued leave or leave without pay before using this time
☐ Not Eligible
☐ Eight-week benefit has been exhausted in the 24 months preceding this request
☐ The absence expected is not for a continuous period AND/OR at least three weeks in length
☐ The event does not otherwise meet the criteria set forth in the Paid Family Leave Policy

## Provides 8 weeks of paid leave over a 24-month period Paid Family Leave - Parental

Eligible for benefit upon hire

Must be taken within 12 months of birth

#### Paid Family Leave - Medical

Must meet FMLA eligibility criteria

Healthcare provider certifies the absence will be 15 or more working days Employee must report 80 hours of vacation/sick leave before use

- \* OPS and Post Docs are not eligible for Paid Family Leave
- \* Graduate Assistants receive 8 weeks of PFL over a 12-month period.







#### **FMLA**

Job-Protected leave for qualifying family and medical reasons.

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE  NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY, AND RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES  (Staff, Faculty, OPS, Post Doc, Resident)	Human Resources UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
FMLA Eligibility	
✓ Eligible (See FMLA Rights and Responsibility Statement)	
As of the beginning of this leave, 480 hours of	your annual FMLA entitlement are available
☐ Not Eligible	
Has NOT worked at UF for at least 12 months (n	eed not be consecutive)
Has NOT actively worked at least 1250 hours in	the 12 months preceding this request
Annual FMLA entitlement has been exhausted	

Federal Law that provides up to 480 hours. Rolling Calendar used to measure annual entitlement.

#### **FMLA Can be Taken For**

- Employee serious health condition
- Provide care for Parent, Spouse or Child serious health condition
- New Parent take time to bond with newborn
- Various Armed Services Member benefits





## FMLA Eligibility

#### **FMLA Eligibility Requirements**

- Have at least 12 months employment (non-consecutive)
   with UF; and
- Have worked 1,250 hours for UF during the 12 months prior to the start of the FMLA leave; and
- Have not exhausted the 480 hours FMLA entitlement in last 12 months.





FMLA
Paid Family Leave

Calculator

#### FMLA/Paid Family Leave Calculator

#### Employee:

Main Menu > My Self Service > Benefits>UF Paid Family Calc

#### **Supervisor**

Main Menu > Human Resources > Manger Self Service > Time Management

#### **Department Approver:**

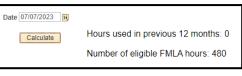
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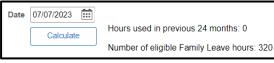


UF FMLA Calculation



UF Paid Family Leave Calc







## UF Parental Leave

#### **UF PARENTAL LEAVE**

- Available when becoming a parent:
  - Childbirth (birth and non-birth parent)
  - Adoption
  - Fostering
- 6 Calendar months off for Faculty, TEAMS and USPS
  - One continuous period (cannot start and stop)
  - Can work part-time (reduced work schedule) with department approval
- Can begin up to 2 weeks prior to event
  - Expected Delivery Date
  - Date of Adoption
  - Court Date for Fostering



## FMLA DESIGNATION NOTICE

#### **FMLA Request was**

- Approved
- Additional details needed
- Denied

#### **Return to Work Form**

## **Employee / Supervisor Signature**

(can be processed without employee signature)

#### **FMLA DESIGNATION NOTICE**

_	☐ You have exhausted your FMLA leave entitlement in the applicable 12-month period.
	☐ You do not meet the employment criteria required by the FMLA.
	☐ The FMLA does not apply to your leave request.
☐ Yo	ur FMLA Leave request cannot be approved.
	or your leave may be denied.
	□ The certification you have provided is not complete and sufficient to determine whether the FMLA applies to your leave request. You must provide the following information no later than unless it is not practicable under the particular circumstances despite your diligent good faith efforts,
☐ Add	ditional information is needed to determine if your FMLA leave request can be approved.
	,
	You will be required to present a fitness-for-duty certificate to be restored to employment. If such certification is not timely received, your return to work may be delayed until certification is provided.
	accrued leave due to this leave of absence will be counted against your annual FMLA entitlement.
	${f \square}$ You have requested to use paid leave during your FMLA leave. Any use of Paid Family or personally
	Please be advised:
	□ Because the leave you will need will be unscheduled, it is not possible to provide the hours, days, or weeks that will be counted against your FMLA entitlement at this time. You have the right to reques this information once in a 30-day period (if leave was taken in the 30-day period).
	course of the following dates will be counted against your leave entitlement: Yo period of protected leave will terminate as of this end date or when you have exhausted your annual FMLA entitlement, whichever should occur first.
	Provided there is no deviation from your anticipated leave schedule, all eligible working hours over the contract of the co
	All leave taken for this reason will be designated as FMLA leave. Based on the information you have provided to date; we are providing the following information about the amount of time that will be counted against your leave entitlement (check one):
✓ You	r FMLA leave request is <mark>approved.</mark>
	ntitlement. The FMLA requires that you notify us as soon as practicable if dates of scheduled leave chang extended, or initially unknown.
	er must inform the employee of the amount of leave that will be counted against the employee's FMLA



#### **Obtain Signatures**

Supervisor > Chair or Center Director or Dean (not IFAS HR)



#### **SIGNATURES**

## Personal Leave of Absence OR Extension of T&P Supervisor >

Chair or Center Director or Dean > <u>ifas-hr@ifas.ufl.edu</u>



University of Florida Form Updated: March 2021	1st Extension Request 2nd Extension Request
	xtension of Tenure Probationary Period
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Faculty Name:Title:	Employee UFID #:
Faculty Name:	



## Submit ELOA Packet

#### **Submit ELOA Packet**

#### Change of Employment ePAF

Continuous or Reduced Work Schedule for 15 days or longer.

(Only EOLA packet should be attached – NOT Personal Health Information)





#### Email to Central-leave@ufl.edu

Sporadic LOA or Continuous/Reduced Work Schedule <15 days

## RETURN TO WORK

#### **Helpful Links -**

https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/time-away/fmla/returning-to-work/
https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/FMLA-Return-to-Work-Guide.pdf
https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/FMLA-Return-to-Work-Form.pdf

#### **RETURN TO WORK – Employee Responsibility**

- □ 1. Notify HR Administrator and/or supervisor of expected return to work date based on return to work certification/release from medical provider
- 2. Acquire return to work certification/release from medical provider and submit to HR Administrator and/or supervisor on or before day of return. \*If such release is not received, your return to work will be delayed until the certification is provided
  - a. Return to Work Form
- 3. If applicable, discuss restrictions with HR Administrator
- 4. Discuss need for continued medical care absences with HR Administrator
  - a. If applicable provide updated release/certification noting changes in treatment frequency or duration
- Ensure that time is reported using FMLA codes if you have on-going medical absences related to the approved FMLA request



#### **RETURN TO WORK – Supervisor Responsibility**

#### **Supervisor**

1.	Provide HR Administrator with employee's expected return to work date, based on return to work certification/release from medical provider and/or communication from
	employee
2.	Provide the employee's return to work certification/release from medical provider to HR Administrator. *Supervisors should not retain a copy
3.	If applicable discuss restrictions with HR Administrator before discussing with employee
4.	Discuss need for continued medical care absences with HR Administrator
5.	Ensure that time is reported using FMLA codes if the employee has on-going medical absences related to the approved FMLA request
6.	Coordinate any potential position changes with HR Administrator, and ensure proper orientation is provided to the employee

#### **RETURNING TO WORK – HRL Responsibility**

#### **HR Administrator**

- If applicable, submit return to work ePAF based on return to work certification/release from medical provider for employees own serious medical condition and/or communication from employee for other circumstances.
   Provide the employee's return to work certification/release from medical provider to UFHR Central Leave if change in frequency or duration is noted on med cert \*Supervisors should not retain a copy
- □ 3. If applicable discuss restrictions with supervisor before discussing with employee
- Discuss need for continued medical care absences with supervisor
  - Ensure that time is reported using FMLA codes if the employee has on-going medical absences related to the approved FMLA request
- Coordinate any potential position changes with supervisor, and ensure changes are consistent with FMLA regulations
- 7. Continue to monitor FMLA leave until employee fully returns from leave, if applicable



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Review leave balances** 

**Report LWOP/Paid Leave** 

Report paid time prior to a Holiday

Suspend voluntary retirement contributions

Sick Leave Pool member?

Main Menu, Benefits, Review Employee Benefits, Current benefits Summary
160 hours per request with 480 hours fiscal year limit

Is member enrolled in a disability plan?



### **THANK YOU**

**IFAS - Human Resources**