Announcements

**UROC building closed until further notice**
The University’s Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) is following orders and recommendations by Minnesota Governor Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health designed to curb transmission of COVID-19. As a result and per University guidelines, the UROC facility is closed until further notice. The staff of UROC appreciates your patience, understanding, kindness to others and yourself, and your help in keeping our community healthy and safe through these challenging times.

**YoUthROC Research Reveal web-based video conferencing presentation**—10 a.m. Friday, April 3
Join members of UROC's Youth-led Participatory Action Research (YPAR) team in a live online presentation and discussion of research findings from their 2019 research project focusing on youth space and social change. Participants will be emailed a copy of YoUthROC's YPAR magazine. Presentation link here: https://umn.zoom.us/j/152476330. Find more info about the team at https://uroc.umn.edu/youthroc and on Instagram and Twitter @umnYoUthROC.

**Minneapolis Artist Eric Avery named UROC's 2020 Artist in Residence**
Minneapolis-based artist, cultural organizer, and performer Eric Avery has been named UROC’s 2020 Artist in Residence. In his role, Avery will create and host a series of workshops and immersive performances that build upon the groundwork laid by UROC’s Trauma Recovery Project, which examined trauma-related issues important to Minneapolis's Northside community.

**Navigating University/community-based activities during the COVID-19 health emergency**
The University’s Office for Public Engagement in consultation with the Office of the Executive Vice
President and Provost and the Center for Community-Engaged Learning has created a COVID-19 and Community-Based Activities web page containing recommendations and resources to help community-engaged students, faculty, and staff to help navigate community-based research and field-based educational activities during the current pandemic.

**U of M PHDR offers list of resources in response to COVID-19**

The University's Program in Health Disparities Research has developed a list of resources in a variety of formats for community members in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. Program staff are actively building the resources list and request information on additional resources be emailed to phdr@umn.edu.

**U of M SPH launches Health in All Matters podcast**

The University's School of Public Health has launched Health in All Matters, a weekly podcast focused on the many issues COVID-19 brings into question, such as transmission and prevention, life in a pandemic, loneliness and mental health, the medical supply chain, etc. The podcast is hosted by physician and reporter Michael Joyce and will include expert voices from University faculty and their colleagues around the world.

**U of M Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing offers support via webinars**

With a primary focus on health and wellbeing, the University's Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing has unique resources to offer the University and community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Upcoming online webinars open to the public include: Pathways to Resilience During Times of Change; Stress Busters: a weekly online free stress reduction/meditation drop in class; Mindfulness and Racial Justice featuring Rhonda Magee (March 24); and 10 Ways to Have Better Conversations featuring Celeste Headlee (April 23).

**Free community takeout meals available for pick up at Pillsbury United Communities**

Pillsbury United Communities is serving free takeout meals for community members at the Oak Park Center Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and the Waite House Community Center Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Buildings are open for meal pick up only.

**Twin Cities Metro Mobility and Transit Link offers grocery support**

Certified Twin Cities Metro Mobility customers and existing Transit Link customers can now order groceries and household essentials online from a store that has online shopping and local pick up.

**The Minneapolis Foundation offers local nonprofits support**

The Minneapolis Foundation is supporting business and essential program continuity for local nonprofits through its OneMPLS Fund. This collective impact fund is designed to be nimble and responsive to emerging needs aligned with the foundation’s mission.

**Timely Links**

- [City of Minnesota coronavirus newsletter sign-up](#)
- [City of Minneapolis coronavirus web updates](#)
- [Hennepin County Public Health](#)
- [MNsure COVID-19 Emergency Special Enrollment Period](#)
**University Events**

*Due to the fluid nature of event cancellations related to COVID-19, please visit the University of Minnesota Events Calendar for updates on all University events.*

**Employment Opportunities**

- Content Editor & Posting
- Health and Wellness Coordinator
- Health Policy Analyst
- Hennepin County Human Research Protection Program Specialist
- Library Teen Tech Squad Internship
- Marketing and Communications Coordinator
- NCSI Administrative Assistant
- NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center Dentist
- Produce Team Member
- Property Caretaker
- Store Manager
- Transportation Security Officer

**Employment Resources**

**COVID-19 and unemployment benefits**

The State of Minnesota's unemployment insurance program is ready to assist workers who can’t work, workers who have had their hours reduced, and workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Twin Cities area: 651-296-3644; Greater Minnesota: 1-877-898-9090; TTY users: 1-866-814-1252.

**2020 New Leaf Workshops**

- American Association of Blacks in Higher Education
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- Careerforce South Minneapolis Career Fair
- City of Minneapolis
- City of Saint Paul
- East Side Neighborhood Services
- Hennepin County Employment Services
- HIRED
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Neighborhood HealthSource
- Ramsey County
- St. Paul Public Housing Agency
Think Small
Twin Cities RISE
United States Census Bureau
University of Minnesota
UPS
YMCA Twin Cities

**Community Resources**

- African American Leadership Forum
- African Development Center of Minnesota
- African Immigrants Community Services
- Asian Media Access
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Connections Grant
- Centro Tyrone Guzman
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
- Cultural Wellness Center
- Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) grant program
- Gender Policy Report
- Hennepin County Citizen Advisory Board Openings
- Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research
- Hmong Cultural Center
- Karen Organization of Minnesota
- Minneapolis American Indian Center
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Minneapolis Promise Zone
- Minneapolis Upper Harbor Terminal
- Minneapolis Urban League
- Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center
- Minnesota Seniors Online: Housing and Care Directory
- Mission to Mobilization
- Mshale: The African Community Newspaper
- Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)
- North Minneapolis Tree Programs
- North MPLS
- North News
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
- Outfront Minnesota
- PACER Center
- Parents in Community Action
- Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Senior LinkAge Line
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships
- The Arc Minnesota
Send UROC Community News submissions to urocnews@umn.edu.

The Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center is a unit of the University of Minnesota Office for Public Engagement.