

Working from Home- Week 7

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To: Hshsl-All Staff <hshsl-allstaff@umaryland.edu>

Hello all!

We have now finished seven weeks of COVID-19 incarceration.

I am starting to lose track of the days. Are you?

So, this week I would like to start off with a question for all of you to answer. I will summarize for everyone next week so the deadline to respond is next Thursday, May 7.

The Question:

What 1-3 things would make you feel comfortable about returning to the HS/HSL to work onsite?

I think this would be good to know. I do not have any inside knowledge about returning to work so there is no motive beyond my curiosity. Plus someone might ask me and this would be helpful data. Trying to think ahead.

This week has been busy. I am most excited about all the new ideas for things that I am hearing about – new partnerships on campus, new services, new resources, new ways to record our history. I can't keep up!

Other notable stuff:

Happy 34th work anniversary to me. I share the date with Patty Hinegardner's birthday. Ask me about my first day of work someday. And now you know Patty is older than 34.

Happy New Year to the RML! May 1 is the first day of the fifth year of the cooperative agreement.

Thanks to Patrick Williams who is in the building at least one day a week. In addition to taking care of the mail, he walks the building and makes sure everything is safe. Last week he heard a strange noise from the Mechanical Room. Turns out it was a serious problem with water spraying everywhere. It took two companies to fix the problem and would surely have been a disaster if he hadn't been there!

Brian "3D Energizer Bunny" Zelip continues to produce 3D materials for masks, ear savers etc.

Tara has expanded on the jigsaw puzzles from last week and Emily Gorman is going to post new ones every week on Puzzle Friday.

I am pleased to report that Robin is SLOWLY improving and out of intensive care. She is still seriously ill so keep that positivity coming!

I have invented new verbs to explain video conferencing. You could be "teaming" which sounds very collaborative or like you are oozing. How about "webexing" – anybody else feel like Spiderman? My favorite is "zooming" because it takes me back to Aretha Franklin and "Who's Zoomin' Who?" Extended version here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kEQSbdzAVw> Online dance party anyone?

And one final question. Anybody else gotten a speeding ticket during their time at home? Asking for a friend. 😊

Stay safe and well!

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