



HR LIAISON NETWORK NEWS

December 17, 2020 | **SPECIAL NETWORK NEWS MESSAGE**

Employee COVID-19 Testing Requirement - Virtual Q&A Session for Liaisons

The Division of Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness (HROE) will be hosting a Question and Answer session for HR Liaisons tomorrow (supervisors may attend as well) regarding the recently announced COVID-19 Testing Requirement for all TAMU employees in Bryan-College Station. HROE recently posted [testing-related FAQs on our website](#). We ask that all session participants review the information contained in the FAQs. Come prepared to ask questions you may have about the employee testing requirement. This session is not intended to be a formal training session; however, it is an opportunity to hear the types of questions that your colleagues may raise. At the beginning of the meeting, we will have the opportunity to hear from [Dr. Shawn Gibbs, who was recently appointed to lead the University's response to COVID-19](#). For those who are unable to attend tomorrow's session, we expect to have a repeat session during the first week of January.

Friday, December 18, 2020

Time: 10:15 AM-11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tamu.zoom.us/j/99715238825?pwd=ZmVLckRMZUh5dnB4K3ZjUWE5ZXlvZz09>

Meeting ID: 997 1523 8825

Passcode: Liaison

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Contract Negotiations between CommonSpirit Health and BlueCross & BlueShield TX

Contract negotiations between BlueCross and BlueShield of Texas (BCBSTX) and CommonSpirit Health, who owns 15 hospitals throughout Houston and East Texas, including the CHI St. Luke's Health and CHI St. Joseph Health hospitals, have failed between the two parties and CommonSpirit Health will be considered out-of-network effective today, December 17, 2020. Our employees, retirees, and their covered dependents, still have access to several in-network hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the areas served by CommonSpirit Health. Covered members have several ways to find in-network providers, and **we highly recommend they verify their provider's status prior to receiving medical services**. More information regarding the impact on BCBSTX members can be found on our [website](#).

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