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Colleagues:

We would like to pass along a few items today.

### **Card Swipe and Building Access over Break**

- Swipe access is allowed over break **only** for people who have a defined work-related reason to be in the building, or who are on the usual swipe access list (e.g., faculty, APs, and staff who have emergency access needs).
- Anyone entering the building must continue campus COVID-19 testing and have "building access granted" status. This is self-policed when the buildings are closed.
- Swipe logs will be generated as normal, and there will be no additional reporting requirements.
- In the case that someone is asked to quarantine and has entered a Library space over break, we will use the logs for any contact tracing that might be required.

### **Fraudulent Unemployment**

You may have heard about (or found yourself a victim of) the unemployment identity theft issue that is impacting individuals here on campus and throughout the state of Illinois, as well as across the U.S. This problem, which is being investigated by state and federal authorities, is not at all unique to the University of Illinois. There is no evidence whatsoever of any data breach at Illinois.

For the most up-to-date information, refer to "[Reporting Unemployment Insurance Fraud](#)" on the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) website. The IDES phone number is (800) 814-0513 (use the following prompts: select English or Spanish, then **1** for Claimant, and then **5** for identity theft). Unfortunately, it may take two weeks to hear back from IDES, due to the volume of cases they are experiencing.

It is recommended that you treat this as you would any other instance of identity theft (e.g., it's good practice to check your credit history and score). Please see the "[Be Alert for Unemployment Fraud](#)" [Update](#) on the System HR website for more information on reporting identity theft and safeguarding your accounts and information.

In addition, here's another resource that may be helpful:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Be well,

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