

# Pension E-News



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We continue to do our part to #FlattenTheCurve. The CTPF office remains closed, but we continue to serve you remotely and hope that you are safe and healthy.



## Join us for a Town Hall Webinar

CTPF's Executive Director Chuck Burbridge will host a [Town Hall Webinar](#) on Wednesday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m. The program will offer an update and overview of Fund operations during the pandemic, and will last about 30 minutes.



*Register Today!*

## CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources

CTPF has created our COVID-19 Response website [ctpf.org/covid-19](https://ctpf.org/covid-19). This website link provides you with CTPF up-to-date information on the Fund's operations during the pandemic.



### Call or Email Member Services

Member Services staff is answering questions and providing phone and video counseling. Call 312.641.4464 or email [MemberServices@ctpf.org](mailto:MemberServices@ctpf.org) for assistance. All calls will be forwarded to voicemail. Leave a message clearly stating your name, phone number, and the nature of your inquiry. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



### Submit Documents Electronically

During the stay-at-home order, CTPF staff does not have immediate access to incoming mail, and U.S. mail processing is delayed. The best way to send benefit applications and documents to CTPF is by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf or .jpg) to [imaging@ctpf.org](mailto:imaging@ctpf.org).



### Help with Scanning

Need to scan a document to email to CTPF but you don't have a scanner? A printer or smartphone scanning app or smartphone camera can help you get the job done. [Click here](#) for more information on scanning.



### Remote Notary Available

While CTPF accepts many documents via email or fax, the requirement for a notary to witness signatures remains in place for certain documents. CTPF now offers remote notarization for CTPF documents. Members who would like to use remote notary services should call or email Member Services at 312-641-4464 or [MemberServices@ctpf.org](mailto:MemberServices@ctpf.org), and request a zoom video conference for notarization. [Find more information here.](#)



### CTPF Health Plan Information

CTPF offers six health insurance plans for retirees. All plans now offer coverage for COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment, and some have added additional telehealth and mental health benefits. [Find more information here](#), call the number on the back of your health insurance card, or visit your carrier's website for specific benefit information.

## CTPF 2019 CAFR Released

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Board of Trustees has released its [2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\)](#) which includes the Fund's audited financial statements, management's analysis, statistics, and other financial information. The CAFR includes detailed investment, actuarial, and statistical information about CTPF's financial condition and operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Fund's external auditor, Plante Moran, PLLC, issued an unmodified opinion on the Fund's financial statements. This is the highest level of assurance that can be provided from an external audit, and reflects the Fund's accurate and transparent financial operations.



## 2020 Retirement Resources

CTPF has gathered resources for members planning to retire on our [Retirement Resources Page](#), which includes a link to the April 7, 2020, retirement webinar, and information about managing the retirement process

## Spending time at home? Take Time to Share your Story



*Share Your Story!*

Tell us about how you're getting creative during the stay-at-home order. Schools have formally made the transition to remote learning days. We love hearing from current and retired teachers about how you are or have been creative in the classroom. Share your tips and we may feature them in an upcoming newsletter or on social media. Please email us at [communications@ctpf.org](mailto:communications@ctpf.org).

## 2020 Teacher Trustee Election Notice

This fall, CTPF will hold an election for two (2) Teacher Trustees to serve three-year terms from November 2020-2023. Nomination packets are now available. Find additional information and the official election notice on [CTPF's Election Central information page](#).



## Pension Payment Schedule & Update

The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through September is listed below. [Click here](#) for the full schedule.

| Month          | Last Day to Submit an Address or Tax Withholding Change | Check Mailing Date | Direct Deposit Date |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| June 2020      | May 13, 2020  | May 28, 2020       | June 1, 2020        |
| July 2020      | June 15, 2020   | June 29, 2020      | July 1, 2020        |
| August 2020    | July 16, 2020   | July 30, 2020      | August 3, 2020      |
| September 2020 | August 14, 2020   | August 28, 2020    | September 1, 2020   |

## Employer Contribution Reporting

Each pay period, Employers remit employee pension contributions to CTPF. Illinois law requires that these contributions be made within a certain time period. If the Employer does not send the funds within the required time, penalties may be assessed. Recognizing the importance of informing members of Employers who are late in making their employee contributions, the Board directed CTPF staff to publish a listing of delinquent employers. Find a copy of the most recent list [here](#).



# Whistleblower Reporting Notice

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) has a whistleblower reporting hotline where complaints may be submitted through an interview, anonymously, or self-identified. The hotline is available for CTPF members, employees, and other parties who engage with CTPF. Complaints may also be submitted online, emailed, or faxed. Find more information at [ctpf.org/whistleblower-reporting](http://ctpf.org/whistleblower-reporting).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at [ctpf.org/calendar](http://ctpf.org/calendar).

### STAY CONNECTED & SPREAD THE WORD

While we must be physically apart, we will continue to email regularly to keep you updated on the ever-evolving situation. CTPF will continue to share information at [ctpf.org](http://ctpf.org) on social media, in E-Lerts, and in E-News. We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 88,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please consider forwarding this email to a friend who may be a fellow pensioner.



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