

Pension E-News



May 2020

We continue to do our part to fight COVID-19. CTPF staff is working remotely, continuing to serve members, and we hope that you are safe and healthy.

CTPF 2019 PAFR Released

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Board of Trustees has released its 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) which includes a summary of key information from the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The complete report is available [here](#).



CTPF Investment News

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund reaffirms its commitment to minority, female, and disabled participation (MWDBE) in all areas of investments. At the May 21, 2020, Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board approved new private equity and real estate commitments totaling \$70 million to emerging or MWDBE person-owned managers. [Read more here.](#)

Celebrating 125

CTPF is celebrating its quasiquicentennial (125th anniversary) in 2020. CTPF will commemorate this milestone of serving members, constituents, community, and citizens of Illinois with distinction. CTPF wants to recognize the hard work and dedication of our members to their



students and profession. Send us your favorite picture of you on the job with a brief description. What's your favorite classroom story? Best practices in education? Words of wisdom for the next generation of teachers or retirees? CTPF wants to know! #CTPF125 [Find more information here.](#)

Town Hall Webinar Available on Demand

More than 400 people attended a [Town Hall Webinar](#) hosted by CTPF's Executive Director Chuck Burbridge on Wednesday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m. The program offered an update and overview of Fund operations during the pandemic and is now available on demand at this [link](#).



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 electronically. Visit ctpf.org/retirement-resources for more information.

Medicare Birthday Parties for Members Turning 65

CTPF offers Medicare Birthday Party Webinars to assist individuals turning age 65 with enrolling in Medicare and CTPF Medicare plans. Webinars are offered bi-monthly and are designed for members turning 65 within the next three months. The next webinar will be Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:30-3:00 p.m. Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Deadline

August 31, 2020, is the last day to submit documentation for 2019 health insurance rebates (January 1-December 31, 2019), for retirees who are enrolled in non-CTPF sponsored health plans. Completed applications must be returned to CTPF with required documentation by August 31, 2020. Email or call CTPF Member Services, MemberServices@ctpf.org | 312.641.4464, with questions about the subsidy or application.

CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources

CTPF has created our COVID-19 Response website 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 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.



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, 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.

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.

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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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at 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 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 member or pensioner.

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