Paid Leave Programs, 6.27
University Policy

Applies to: Faculty and staff

Responsible Office
Office of Human Resources

POLICY

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The university strives to recruit and retain a world-class faculty and staff and to stand out as an employer of choice. The university recognizes that supporting faculty and staff as they balance career and family life ultimately benefits the faculty, staff and institution alike. The university provides paid vacation, sick, parental, jury duty/court appearance and organ donation leave to respond to employee needs. Vacation donation provides financial assistance during approved unpaid leaves for: life threatening illness or injury of self or immediate family members; childbirth, adoption and foster care placement; or death of an immediate family member.

Purpose of the Policy

To provide guidance on and consistent application of paid leave benefits designed to support faculty and staff as they balance career, personal and family life.

Definitions

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<td>Active pay status</td>
<td>Conditions under which an employee is eligible to receive pay and includes but is not limited to vacation leave, sick leave, overtime, compensatory time off and holidays.</td>
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<td>Adopted child</td>
<td>A child up to 18 years of age who is adopted through public, private, domestic, international or independent means and who is not the stepchild of the adoptive parent.</td>
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<td>Benefits service date</td>
<td>The date used to determine the amount of service for the calculation of vacation leave accrual purposes. This date reflects an employee’s total service at Ohio State or with the State of Ohio and any of its political subdivisions.</td>
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<td>Birth mother</td>
<td>One who gives birth to a child.</td>
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<td>Parent</td>
<td>One who is not the birth mother and who is legally responsible for child-rearing. Includes any one of the following: father, mother, spouse, adoptive parent, domestic partner, or employee using a surrogate/gestational carrier.</td>
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<td>Adoptive parent</td>
<td>One who, via a legal process, has taken a child into one’s family.</td>
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<td>Domestic partner</td>
<td>An opposite- or same-sex adult partner who has met the requirements of and has a completed Certificate of Domestic Partnership on file with the department and the Office of Human Resources.</td>
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<td>Foster parent</td>
<td>One who has undergone a placement proceeding to assume child-rearing responsibilities.</td>
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<td>Immediate family member</td>
<td>Spouse; domestic partner; mother; father; sister; brother; biological, adopted or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; grandparent; grandchild; mother-in-law; father-in-law; sister-in-law; brother-in-law; daughter-in-law; son-in-law; grandparent-in-law; grandchild-in-law; or corresponding relatives of the employee's partner; other persons for whom the employee is legally responsible; individual who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a child; and a child of a person standing in loco parentis to the child who is under 18 year of age or 18 years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability. To use leave for the care of a domestic partner or for the corresponding relative of the partner, a completed Certificate of Domestic Partnership must be on file with Human Resources Benefits Services.</td>
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<td>Life threatening illness or</td>
<td>An illness, injury, impairment or physical condition that a licensed physician certifies as terminal or life threatening.</td>
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<td>State of Ohio and any of</td>
<td>Includes city, county and state employers within Ohio and Ohio National Guard service.</td>
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<td>its political subdivisions</td>
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<td>Stillbirth</td>
<td>The loss of a fetus during or following the 20th week of pregnancy.</td>
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<td>Unpaid leave</td>
<td>Leave without pay for personal or medical reason approved by the department per the process outlined in Unpaid Leave Policy 6.45.</td>
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Policy Details

I. Vacation Leave

A. Accrual

1. Vacation leave accrues while an employee is in active pay status and may be used from the date of employment. An adequate vacation leave balance must be accrued prior to usage.

2. Staff on regular and term (including post-doctoral researchers) appointments of 100% full time equivalency (FTE), 12-month regular faculty and 12-month associated faculty earn vacation leave in accordance with the accrual schedule.

3. Vacation leave accrual is pro-rated for eligible appointments of 50% FTE or greater.

4. Appointments of less than 50% FTE, 9-month regular faculty and 9-month associated faculty appointments do not accrue vacation.

5. A university employee who previously worked for the State of Ohio and any of its political subdivisions may be credited for time served at that agency, with the exception of reemployed retirees as noted in Policy Details I.A.6.
   a. Proof of service from the former public agency must be submitted in writing before service credit is granted.
   b. Vacation will be credited from the date that the employee notifies the unit in writing of the previous service.

6. An employee who has retired in accordance with the provisions of any retirement plan offered by the State of Ohio (a reemployed retiree) will not have prior service with the State of Ohio, any political subdivision of the State or a regional council of government counted for purposes of computing vacation leave.
   a. A STRS/Alternative Retirement Plan participant will be treated as a reemployed retiree for purposes of this paragraph if, at the time of separation from employment, the participant would have been eligible to receive retirement benefits under the STRS Ohio Defined Benefit Plan.
   b. An OPERS/Alternative Retirement Plan participant will be treated as a reemployed retiree for purposes of this paragraph if, at the time of separation from employment, the participant would have been eligible to receive retirement benefits under the OPERS Traditional Pension Plan.

7. Employment outside of that specified in Policy Details I.A.5 and I.A.6, including student employment, federal employment, or employment with other states does not count toward service credit.

B. Pay out

1. Accrued vacation leave not used by the effective date of a faculty member's termination will be paid subject to the maximums of the vacation accrual schedule. A faculty member who reduces from a 12-month to a 9-month appointment will permanently forfeit accrued vacation not used by the effective date of the reduction.

2. A staff member who terminates employment or transfers to a position that is ineligible for vacation, will be paid any accrued vacation leave not used by the effective date, subject to the maximums of the vacation accrual schedule.

3. Accrued vacation payouts are at the current rate of compensation.

C. Balance transfer and carryover

1. Vacation leave balances transfer when an employee transfers from one university department to another and only occurs when the new position is eligible for vacation.

2. Vacation leave accrued in excess of the maximum carryover will be eliminated at the end of the pay period in which an employee’s anniversary date/benefits service date occurs each year.

D. Vacation leave accrual schedule* (table immediately following):

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<th>Category (Full Time)</th>
<th>Years of Service</th>
<th>Months of Service</th>
<th>Hours Earned Per Year</th>
<th>Days Earned Per Year (based on a five 8-hour workday per week schedule)</th>
<th>Maximum Hours for Vacation Carryover and Pay Out</th>
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<td>Classified Civil Service</td>
<td>0 to 7</td>
<td>0 to 84</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>Equal to the amount earned last 3 years</td>
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<td>Classified Civil Service</td>
<td>7+ to 14</td>
<td>85 to 168</td>
<td>120</td>
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<th>14+ to 24</th>
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<td>Classified Civil Service</td>
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<td>289+</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Equal to the amount earned last 3 years</td>
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<td>Unclassified Professional</td>
<td>0 to 3</td>
<td>0 to 36</td>
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<td>Unclassified Professional</td>
<td>3+ to 10</td>
<td>37 to 120</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Unclassified Professional</td>
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<td>121 to 288</td>
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<td>24+</td>
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<td>Senior A&amp;P</td>
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<td>0 to 300</td>
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<td>Senior A&amp;P</td>
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<td>12-Month Regular and 12-Month Associated Faculty</td>
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*Subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements

II. Sick Leave

A. Accrual
1. Faculty and staff accrue sick leave while in an active pay status for their primary university appointment. Sick leave does not accrue and cannot be used for any supplemental pay arrangements such as supplemental appointments, faculty teaching overloads and faculty quarter off-duty appointments.
2. Sick leave does not accrue during unpaid leave.
3. Sick leave accumulation is unlimited.
4. Staff paid biweekly accrue sick leave at the rate of 4.6 hours per 80 hours of service.
5. Faculty and staff paid monthly accrue sick leave monthly based on the number of service hours per month.
   a. The rate of accrual is .0577 hours of sick leave for each service hour in the month.
   b. Staff paid monthly and 12-month faculty accrue 120 hours of sick leave per year.
   c. Nine-month faculty accrue 90 hours of sick leave per year.
6. Sick leave accrual is pro-rated for appointments less than full time.

B. Use
1. Sick leave is charged in minimum units of one-tenth hour. An employee is charged for sick leave only for days upon which the employee otherwise would have been scheduled to work. Sick leave payment will not exceed the normal scheduled workday or work week earnings.
2. Sick leave may be used from the date of accrual for the purpose intended according to the sick leave chart. An adequate sick leave balance must be accrued prior to usage.
3. Available sick leave and vacation leave balances must be exhausted prior to applying for unpaid leave. The university may waive this requirement in workers' compensation, short-term disability and long-term disability cases.
4. The university may place a Classified Civil Service staff member on disability separation prior to the expiration of sick leave.
5. If sick leave exceeds three months, the unit must consult with HR Employee and Labor Relations concerning approval of further leave.
6. Sick leave usage applies to self or immediate family member.
7. Sick leave usage for birth, adoption or foster care placement may be taken in accordance with the tables below and on a reduced schedule or intermittently for the first 12 weeks after the qualifying status change. After the first 12 weeks, sick leave cannot be taken on an intermittent or reduced schedule without advance notice, scheduling, and departmental approval.
8. An employee who becomes eligible for workers' compensation payment for loss of time may choose to use sick leave before such payments are made. An employee who wishes not to use sick leave to cover such loss of time must request unpaid leave in accordance with Unpaid Leave, 6.45.

C. Balance transfer
1. Sick leave balances transfer when an employee transfers from one university department to another.
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2. An accrued and unused sick leave balance from the State of Ohio and any of its political subdivisions may be transferred to the university, if proof of accrued leave is provided by the transferring agency and re-employment occurs within 10 years.

D. Pay out
1. Employees retiring from active service with Ohio State with 10 or more years of state service will be paid one-fourth of the sick leave balance up to a maximum payment of 240 hours.
2. Payment is based upon the rate of compensation at the time of retirement.
3. The one-time retirement pay out of sick leave eliminates all accrued sick leave on record.
4. These same provisions apply to employees who die with 10 or more years of state service, with the sick leave pay out paid to the estate.

E. Sick leave usage parameters for birth/adoptive events (table following II.E.2).
1. Amounts in the “sick leave usage limit” columns assume adequate leave balance is available.
   a. The “sick leave usage limit” is pro-rated for appointments less than 100% FTE.
2. The maximum number of weeks of sick leave available following the birth of a child is calculated by subtracting the weeks of parental leave and the weeks of short-term disability payment from the weeks of FML available.

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<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>Birth</td>
<td>Self (birth mother)</td>
<td>eLeave and proof of birth</td>
<td>Limited by available Family and Medical Leave (FML), not to exceed 30 working days (six weeks)</td>
<td>As approved per medical documentation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Birth</td>
<td>Self (parent)</td>
<td>eLeave and proof of birth</td>
<td>Ineligible for Sick Leave; refer to Parental Leave</td>
<td>Up to 10 working days or 80 hours (two weeks)</td>
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<td>Adoption</td>
<td>Self (parent)</td>
<td>eLeave and proof of adoption</td>
<td>Ineligible for Sick Leave; refer to Parental Leave</td>
<td>Up to 10 working days or 80 hours (two weeks)</td>
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F. Sick leave usage parameters for non-birth/adoptive events (table following II.F.1).
1. Amounts in the “sick leave usage limit” column assume adequate leave balance is available.
   a. 1.a. The “sick leave usage limit” is pro-rated for appointments less than 100% FTE

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<td>Illness or injury</td>
<td>Self or immediate family member</td>
<td>Leave request and appropriate medical documentation</td>
<td>As approved</td>
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<td>Health examination</td>
<td>Self or immediate family member</td>
<td>Leave request and appropriate medical documentation</td>
<td>As approved</td>
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<td>If a member</td>
<td>Immediate family member</td>
<td>Leave request and appropriate medical documentation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foster care placement</td>
<td>Self</td>
<td>Leave request and proof of foster care placement</td>
<td>Up to 10 working days or 80 hours (two weeks)</td>
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<td>Death</td>
<td>Immediate family member</td>
<td>Leave request and obituary/death certificate</td>
<td>Up to five working days or 40 hours</td>
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III. Parental Leave
A. The purpose of parental leave is to provide a birth mother or a parent with paid time off to recover from childbirth and/or to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted child.
1. The intent of parental leave is to provide eligible faculty and staff members with a paid leave benefit that may be combined with other leave programs to maximize the length of paid leave available and to supplement paid time off under Family and Medical Leave (FML) for birth and adoptive events.

2. Eligible faculty and staff may receive parental leave immediately upon hire.

3. Parental leave is a benefit of employment and its use must not have a negative impact on employment status or opportunities.

4. Departments should be flexible in managing parental leave requests, so as to permit employees to effectively combine career and family responsibilities.

5. Workload issues should be proactively managed so that excessive work demands are not placed on remaining faculty and staff.

B. Eligibility requires meeting all of the following criteria:

1. The faculty or staff member is a birth mother or becomes a parent immediately following a birth or adoptive event.

2. The faculty or staff member holds at least 75% FTE and are in a regular, term (including post-doctoral researchers), or associated faculty appointment.

C. Leave amount

1. Parental leave is paid at 100% of the employee’s regular pay (based upon FTE) for the specified number of hours outlined in this policy.

2. All eligible faculty and staff (birth mother and parent) can take up to 120 hours (three work weeks, based on an appointment of 100% FTE) of parental leave to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted child.

3. Eligible birth mothers can take up to an additional 120 hours for the recovery from childbirth for a maximum parental leave benefit of 240 hours (six work weeks, based on an appointment of 100% FTE).

D. Use

1. Parental leave will commence following the birth or adoption of a child.

2. When medically necessary or necessary to fulfill the legal requirements for an adoption, parental leave may be taken prior to the birth or adoptive event, provided all eligibility requirements are met when the leave commences.

3. Pursuant to the sick leave usage parameters, the birth mother is eligible to take sick leave (not to exceed 30 working days/240 hours or six weeks) and must exhaust all parental leave prior to the use of sick leave. Parental leave does not have to be exhausted prior to the use of short-term disability.

4. Parental leave must be exhausted prior to the use of vacation leave or compensatory time when such leave is requested for the purpose of a birth or adoptive event.

5. Parental leave will run concurrently with available Family and Medical Leave (FML). If the amount of FML available is less than the amount of parental leave to be taken, parental leave will still be granted as specified in this policy, without regard to the existence of the individual’s available FML. In this case, the return to work provision of Family and Medical Leave, 6.05 will apply.

6. Parents (non-birth mothers) may take parental leave at one time or intermittently prior to the birth or adoptive event and/or during the first year following the birth or adoptive event with advanced notice, scheduling and departmental approval.

7. A birth mother may choose to return to work prior to the exhaustion of parental leave and must present a dated return-to-work certificate from the health care provider. After the birth mother’s return to work, the remaining parental leave may be taken on an intermittent schedule with advanced notice, scheduling, and departmental approval within one year from the birth of a child.

8. Parental leave may be taken in cases of stillbirth. In such event, a maximum of two weeks of parental leave may be used and appropriate medical documentation is required. Additional time may be used from sick leave balances when supported by medical documentation.

9. One parental leave benefit is available per employee, per birth or adoptive event. The number of children involved does not increase the length of parental leave granted for that event.

IV. Jury Duty/Court Appearance Leave

A. An employee will be granted excused absence from work without loss of pay when:
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1. The employee is summoned for jury duty or is subpoenaed to appear before any court or other legal body authorized to compel the attendance of witness, provided that the employee is not a party to the action.
2. The employee is a party to any action before the State Personnel Board of Review, provided that the employee is in active pay status at the time of a scheduled hearing.

B. Any employee appearing before a court or other legal body in a matter in which the employee is a party must apply for paid or unpaid leave for that absence. Examples include criminal or civil cases, traffic court, custody or divorce proceedings, or appearing as directed as parent or guardian of a juvenile.

V. Organ Donation Leave
A. Eligibility
1. Regular employees and associated faculty with appointments of 75% FTE or greater who donate an adult kidney or any portion of an adult liver will receive up to 240 hours of organ donation leave during each calendar year. These hours will be paid at the employee’s regular rate of pay for regularly scheduled work hours that the employee is medically unable to work.
2. Regular employees and associated faculty with appointments of 75% FTE or greater who donate adult bone marrow will receive up to 56 hours of organ donation leave each calendar year. These hours will be paid at the employee’s regular rate of pay for regularly scheduled work hours that the employee is medically unable to work.
3. Regular employees and associated faculty with appointments of 74% FTE or less, intermittent, seasonal and temporary employees are not eligible for organ donation leave.

B. Use
1. Organ donation leave should be exhausted prior to using any sick leave or vacation leave.
2. Organ donation leave will run concurrently with other university leave programs (e.g., Family and Medical Leave).

VI. Vacation Donation
A. Eligibility
1. The recipient may request to receive donated vacation to provide care for their own or an immediate family member’s life threatening injury or illness. Donated vacation may also be requested for the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child or for the death of an immediate family member. Refer to the sick leave usage parameters in table II.F.1 for each qualifying leave type.
2. The recipient must have a regular or term appointment that is eligible to accrue sick leave and must have exhausted all paid leave balances before using donated vacation. The recipient may not be receiving any paid benefit such as Short-Term or Long-Term Disability and/or Workers’ Compensation.
3. The donor must have a minimum balance of 80 hours of vacation remaining after donation (minimum should be pro-rated according to donor FTE).

B. Use
1. Only immediate family members can donate across colleges/VP units. In no other cases can donations cross colleges/VP units.
2. Sick and compensatory time may not be donated.
3. Donated vacation can only be applied for after unpaid leave is approved.
4. The recipient may use up to four weeks of donated vacation time (up to 160 hours, pro-rated based on FTE). Maximum exceptions must be approved by the dean/VP and the Office of Human Resources.
5. Donated vacation may not be used to exceed the recipient’s normally scheduled work hours per pay period and must be donated in eight-hour increments.
6. Leave taken using donated vacation may not be counted in the calculation of unpaid leave balances.
7. Donated vacation may run concurrently with Family and Medical Leave.
8. Donated vacation cannot be paid from a sponsored research project (grant or contract).
9. Donated vacation hours are converted into an equivalent number of sick time hours, regardless of differences between participants’ pay rates.
10. Unused donated vacation hours are forfeited and will not be returned to the donor.
11. Requests to receive donated vacation made by individuals in the disciplinary process for attendance-related concerns are approved at the department’s discretion.
12. The recipient is prohibited from soliciting co-workers for vacation leave. Donations must be voluntary.

VII. The university may implement alternative vacation or sick leave benefits or benefit payout programs only for specific initiatives approved by the Offices of Human Resources and Legal Affairs.

PROCEDURE

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I. Vacation Leave
   A. Vacation leave is arranged and approved in accordance with each department’s operational needs using eLeave.

II. Sick Leave
   A. Sick leave notification and approval are established based upon departmental procedures. Sick leave is requested using eLeave.
   B. If medical attention is provided, documentation from a health care provider stating the nature of the illness or injury may be requested.

III. Parental Leave
   A. Parental leave is arranged and requested by the employee using eLeave.

IV. Jury Duty/Court Appearance Leave
   A. For jury duty/court appearance leave, a subpoenaed individual should notify her or his supervisor as soon as possible upon receipt of the subpoena and submit an eLeave request indicating hours and dates of required court appearance. If the individual’s normally scheduled working hours are other than first shift, the supervisor should change the individual’s shift to first shift, or to hours that coincide with the jury duty daily assignment.
   B. Upon release from this public service, the individual should contact her or his supervisor immediately regarding return to university duties and/or to his or her regular shift assignment.

V. Organ Donation Leave
   A. When organ donation leave is anticipated, verbal notice should be given as far in advance as possible, followed by written documentation to include with the eLeave request indicating hours and dates of leave and supporting medical certification from an appropriate health care provider.

VI. Vacation Donation
   A. The donor will complete the Vacation Donation Donor Agreement and the recipient will complete the Vacation Donation Recipient Agreement and meet with the department human resource professional.
   B. Department and college/VP unit will sign off on and process time accordingly.

VII. Compliance and Fraud
   A. Faculty and staff failing to comply with leave policies and procedures may be denied use of leave and corrective action may be initiated.
   B. Requests for leave with the intent to defraud or falsification of leave documentation may result in corrective action up to and including dismissal and reimbursement to the university of salary or wages paid during such leave.

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<td>Office of Human Resources Employee</td>
<td>1. Consult with individuals and units regarding use of leaves.</td>
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<td>Relations/Wexner Medical Center Employee Relations</td>
<td>2. Review and approve requests for exceptions to the maximum number of vacation donation hours.</td>
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| Employing unit/ Human resource professional | 1. Consult with individuals on leaves.  
2. Consult with Human Resources Employee and Labor Relations for sick leave requests longer than three months.  
3. Inform employees as to the leaves for which they are eligible.  
4. Ensure employees are eligible for any leaves used.  
5. Input leave into the HRIS.  
**Vacation Donation:**  
1. A manager or human resource professional from each unit must approve the donation and meet with the donor(s) and recipient individually to review guidelines and obtain a signed Vacation Donation Recipient Agreement and Vacation Donation Donor Agreement.  
2. The college/VP unit must contact Human Resources Integrated Disability to ensure the recipient is not earning other paid benefits prior to approval of the request.  
3. The HRP processes the transfer of leave balances as appropriate.  
4. The HRP collaborates with the recipient to ensure that the leave request is handled and processed appropriately. |
| Supervisor | 1. Approve or disapprove leave requests.  
2. Maintain confidentiality of employee documentation and information.  
3. Manage leave requests to provide flexibility for individuals to use the leave when appropriate, while balancing remaining workload.  
4. Collaborate with human resource professional on employee leaves, particularly vacation donation, parental leave and organ donation. |
| Employee | 1. Know leave balances and appropriate uses of leaves.  
2. Request leave according to your department’s guidelines.  
3. Submit appropriate documentation depending on the leave.  
4. Consult with department, human resource professional or Office of Human Resources regarding leave benefits and necessary documentation.  
**Vacation Donation:**  
1. Recipient must consult with the department Human Resource Professional (HRP).  
   a. For illness/injury, documentation must include a note from the physician stating that the medical condition is terminal or life threatening.  
   b. For birth or adoption/foster placement of a child, documentation must include proof of birth or adoption/foster placement.  
   c. For death of an immediate family member a copy of the death certificate/obituary must be provided.  
2. Recipient must sign a Vacation Donation Recipient Agreement.  
3. Donor must sign a Vacation Donation Donor Agreement.  
4. The recipient collaborates with the HRP to ensure that the leave request is handled appropriately.  
**Parental Leave:**  
1. Give written notice to the department as far in advance as possible when anticipating parental leave.  
2. Submit an eLeave with any other appropriate documentation, in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave (FML) policy.  
3. Ensure that a Certificate of Domestic Partnership is on file with the department and with the Office of Human Resources for the use of parental leave as a domestic partner.  
4. The tenure clock will be stopped for faculty for one year for responsibilities related to the birth or adoption of a child under six years old. See University Rule 3335-6-03 for information. |

**Resources**

University Policies and Rules:  
- Family and Medical Leave, policy 6.05, [hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy605.pdf](http://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy605.pdf)  
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Tools and Forms:
- Benefits Service Date ASSIST Online Help Tool, assist.ocio.osu.edu/HumanResources/BenefitsServDate.html
- eLeave, eleave.osu.edu
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