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Dear all at DTU

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are returning from the holidays bursting with energy and ready for all the exciting tasks that lie ahead in the second half of 2026.

In this info letter, you can read about the start of the DTU Sport season, a new sick leave report, the Emergency Management Forum, and flu vaccinations for employees and students, among other topics.

DTU Work Environment Secretariat

Start of the 2026/2027 DTU Sport season

- by Ann-Rose Bøttcher and Simone Clauwaert, CAS AB

Regular exercise and physical activity are important for our physical and mental health. However, slightly more than half of Danish adults are not physically active enough. This is according to a memo from the [National Institute of Public Health](#) based on data from the National Health Profile.

At DTU, students and employees are fortunate enough to be able to meet, socialize, and be active together in DTU Sport. The mission of DTU Sport is to get DTU to be active by offering a wide variety of exciting sports clubs and sporting activities, which - until now - have primarily taken place on Lyngby Campus. Two other campuses also have facilities:

- DTU Fitness Ballerup offers strength and cardio training. It is located in the basement under the Glass Hall.
- DTU Fitness Risø, which also offers bodybiking and yoga groups in the fitness centre. It is located in Building 116 under the canteen.

DTU Sport offers gym facilities on our three largest campuses, and you can read more about DTU Sport at www.sport.dtu.dk.



Sick leave on the agenda

- by Line Stavnsbo, Corporate HR

To support local efforts regarding well-being, our work environment, and preventive actions, DTU has developed a new sick leave report with a clearer focus on both short-term and long-term sick leave. The report provides a more detailed foundation for dialogues about sick leave and is intended to help raise awareness of patterns and trends that may be relevant at the local level.

At the same time, the report will support a more systematic approach to addressing sick leave by local collaboration committees (LSU). Following a discussion by the Cooperation and Joint Consultation Committee (HSU), a request has been made for sick leave to be incorporated into the LSU annual cycle as a recurring theme. A report template, data extracts, and a [guide for discussing absence due to sickness](#) are now available to all units and can be requested through your local HR Partner. The goal is to strengthen our shared dialogue on well-being, being present in the moment, and the working environment, while also supporting local preventive actions.



Emergency Management Forum - strengthening DTU's organizational capacity

- by Lars Villadsen, CAS AB

General societal developments underscore the relevance of [DTU's emergency response plan](#) and its objective of maintaining, further developing, and sustaining crisis management competences and capabilities in our organization. This involves systematically building knowledge, experience, and organizational learning, as well as strengthening collaboration across DTU's organizational units.

To support this objective, DTU's Safety Committee (SiFI) has established an *Emergency Management Forum* (EMF) under the leadership of CAS AB.

The purpose of the forum is to create a cross-functional professional network where relevant employees can develop and maintain their crisis management competences through training, knowledge sharing, and the exchange of experience. At the same time, EMF is intended to serve as a pool of resources and expertise from which the DTU management can draw support for future crisis management efforts. The forum is composed of representatives from the group functions expected to play a key role in managing crises and extraordinary events. In addition, the forum may, as needed, involve representatives from selected university units to ensure relevant academic and organizational support.



Flu vaccination for employees and students

- by Lars Villadsen, CAS AB

DTU is again offering free flu vaccination this year to all employees, in weeks 43, 44, and 45 at Ballerup, Risø and Lyngby campuses, respectively, as well as our research facilities in Silkeborg and Nykøbing Mors.

Students can also take advantage of this offer for a copayment of DKK 149. Danske Lægers Vaccinations Service (DLVS) will visit DTU and administer the vaccination. Read more on DTU Inside [here](#).



Health, safety and emergency management courses

- by Simone Clauwaert, CAS AB

DTU offers a number of internal courses and training activities. Our employees thus have the opportunity to improve their professional and personal competences and have a unique opportunity to network with colleagues and PhD students from other university units.

The courses are intended for all DTU employees, managers, and PhD students. The following health, safety and emergency management courses are currently on offer:

- First aid for cardiac arrest and accidents
- Psychological work environment (internal competence development for AMO at DTU).
- Sorting and packing of hazardous waste for transport (see ADR Chapter 1.3)



Register via [DTU Inside](#).