

Safety first: Electric motor-assisted mobility devices

With the growing popularity of motor-assisted scooters and other personal mobility devices, the Office of Safety and Business Continuity would like to remind the UT Southwestern community of [some important safety tips](#).

Use designated pathways and roads.

Scooters are not permitted on campus sidewalks, plazas, the Campus Bridge Connector, or inside buildings. Using designated pathways and roads for scooter travel can improve the safety of both riders and pedestrians.

Do not charge scooters indoors.

Charging scooters inside buildings is strictly prohibited due to potential fire hazard risk.

Always wear a helmet.

Wearing a helmet when riding a scooter can significantly reduce the risk of head injuries in case of accidents.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work together to prioritize the safety and well-being of our campus community.

[View the policy](#)



Hear more from UTSW's new Chair of Microbiology

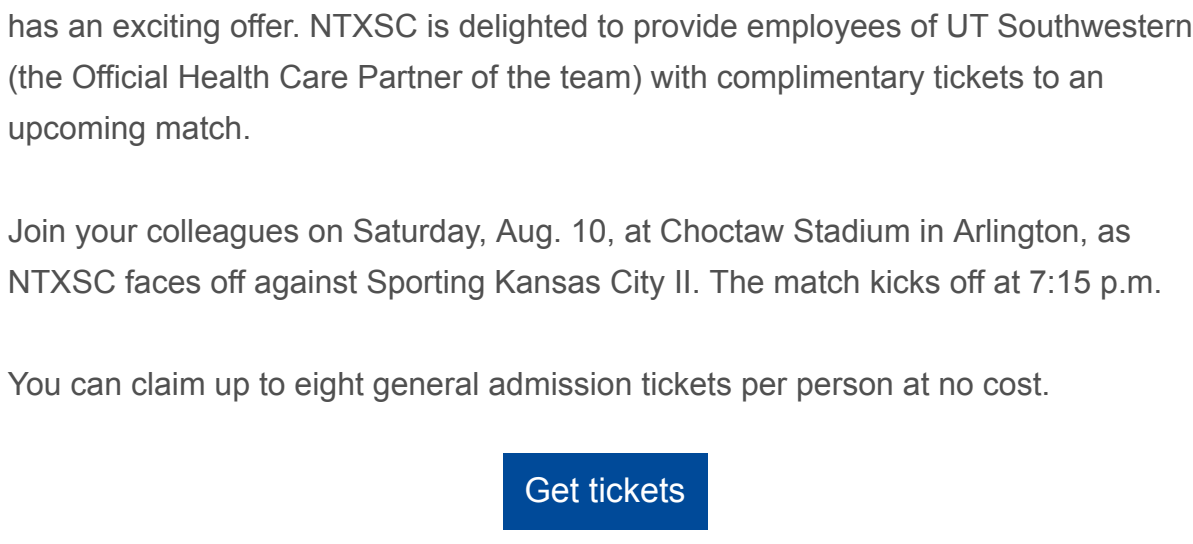
Julie Pfeiffer, Ph.D., a highly respected virologist, leader, and mentor, was recently named the new Chair of Microbiology. She spoke with *Center Times Plus* about her research, collaborations, and plans for the Department.

During her nearly two-decade career at UT Southwestern, Dr. Pfeiffer's discoveries launched a new discipline in microbiology studying transkingdom interactions, with her most recent work largely focusing on interactions between bacteria and viruses.

Dr. Pfeiffer's contributions have been recognized with numerous honors that include the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Science in 2019 from the Texas Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science and Technology and UT Southwestern's Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentoring Award in 2022.

Her investigations have been supported by federal and private grants from sources including the National Institutes of Health, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, the American Cancer Society, and the Pew Innovation Fund.

[Dr. Pfeiffer Q&A](#)



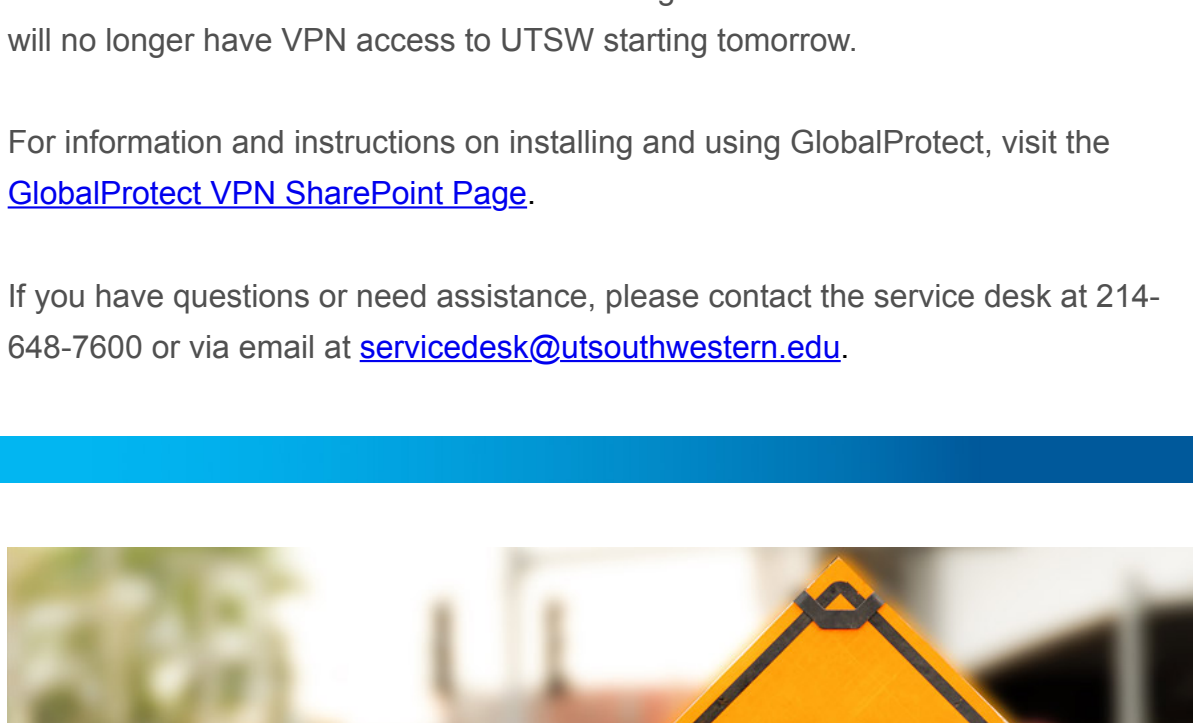
Free tickets from North Texas Soccer Club

Heads up! The North Texas Soccer Club (NTXSC), the reserve team of FC Dallas, has an exciting offer. NTXSC is delighted to provide employees of UT Southwestern (the Official Health Care Partner of the team) with complimentary tickets to an upcoming match.

Join your colleagues on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Choctaw Stadium in Arlington, as NTXSC faces off against Sporting Kansas City II. The match kicks off at 7:15 p.m.

You can claim up to eight general admission tickets per person at no cost.

[Get tickets](#)

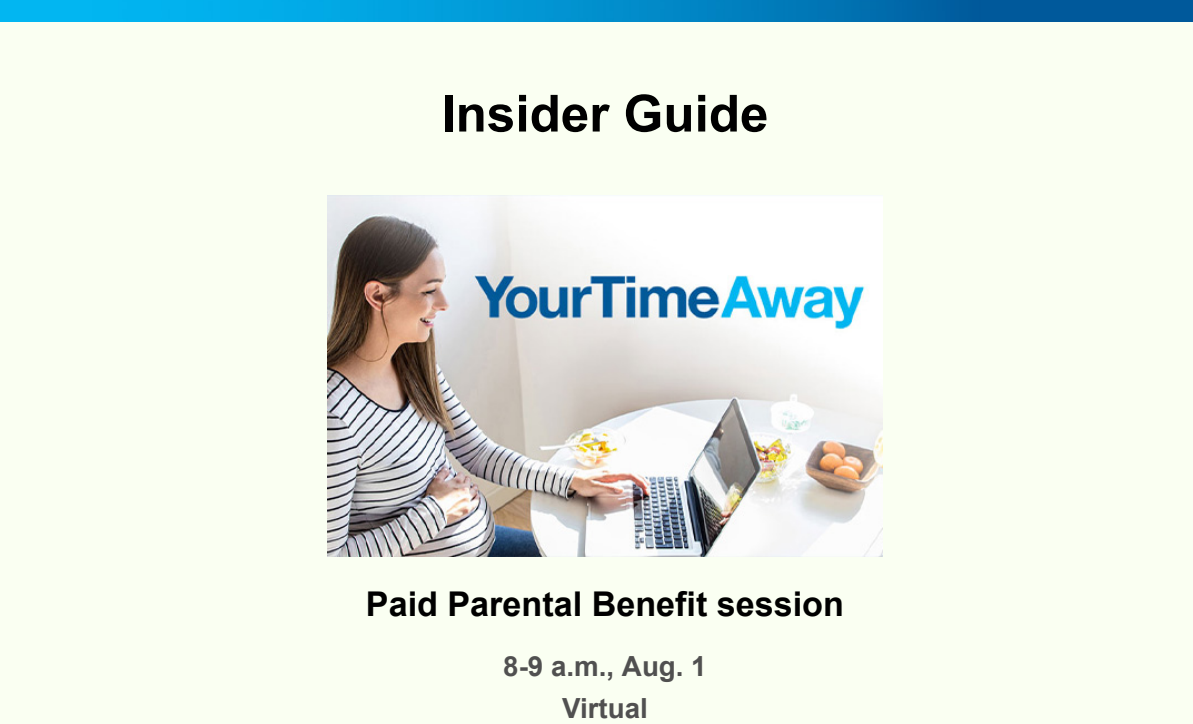


Ending tonight: Ivanti VPN access

UT Southwestern VPN users who have not migrated to the GlobalProtect VPN client will no longer have VPN access to UTSW starting tomorrow.

For information and instructions on installing and using GlobalProtect, visit the [GlobalProtect VPN SharePoint Page](#).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the service desk at 214-648-7600 or via email at servicesdesk@utsouthwestern.edu.

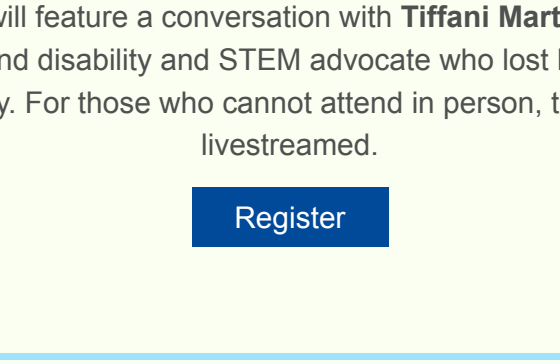


Forest Park Road lane closures now through Aug. 23

Please be aware of various lane closures on Forest Park Road between Mockingbird Lane and Treadway Street for the Biomedical Preparatory at UT Southwestern expansion project. As part of planned work, the contractor will be removing sections of the street. Various lanes will be closed throughout the duration of the work, which is scheduled through Aug. 23.

[View map](#)

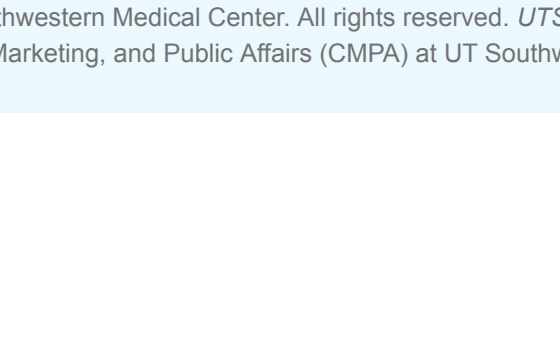
Insider Guide



Paid Parental Benefit session
8-9 a.m., Aug. 1
Virtual

Join Human Resources leadership for a special Your Time Away information session focused on the new Paid Parental Benefit. Hear more about the program, learn how it works, ask questions, and understand the benefits. You can also explore additional sessions on the [events page](#).

[Register](#)



Celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Noon-1 p.m. today
Hybrid, Eugene McDermott Plaza and Lecture Halls, D1.602

To mark the 34th anniversary of the ADA, we invite you to join the UT Southwestern community in celebration of our continued work toward advancing possibilities together. This hybrid event will feature a conversation with **Tiffani Martin, CSM, CPOPM**, a strategist, author, and disability and STEM advocate who lost her sight at 28 due to diabetic retinopathy. For those who cannot attend in person, the event will also be livestreamed.

[Register](#)



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