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# The Informer



The newsletter for annuitants of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois

 [srs.illinois.gov](http://srs.illinois.gov)

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Keep your Member Services contact information up-to-date to receive the latest news, announcements or deadlines by email, letter or call.



## New SERS Trustee

Congratulations to Barbara Baird, who was elected annuitant trustee in the recently completed election. Barbara will serve a five-year term that began on July 15, 2019. She

worked for SERS for almost 40 years until her retirement on June 1, 2018. While at SERS she provided service to thousands of members through workshops and individual counseling and is a former president of the National Pension Education Association.

## Keep your address current to receive benefit information

It's important to notify SERS of address changes to be sure you're always receiving the most current information. If we have correspondence returned to us, your benefit and group insurance will be suspended until we are notified of your new address to avoid any potential fraud issues.

Please mail address changes to us via the Change of Information Form, which can be found on our website, [srs.illinois.gov](http://srs.illinois.gov), under the Forms link. If you don't have access to a computer, contact our office at 217-785-7444 and a form will be mailed to you.

## Did you know?

Retirees and survivors, you can view and print your own income verification letter from the Member Services website. Log in to [memberservices.srs.illinois.gov](http://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov) and select "Member Services Tab" from the left navigation bar. These letters can be used for loan applications and financial needs.



## You can now opt out of paper statements

Did you know that mail theft is one of the most common ways identify theft or fraud can happen to you? On the Member Services website, you can now opt out of receiving your SERS Annual Benefit Statement in the mail. You will still have access to your current and prior year statements through the secure website and you will continue to receive other SERS correspondence in the mail. The elimination of hardcopy statements decreases the risk of your personal information falling into the wrong hands. Paperless statements help the retirement system reduce its carbon footprint and save money in printing and postage costs, which can be used to pay your future retirement benefits!

## Back wages for SERS benefit recipients

If you receive back wages for skipped step increases for the period of July 2015 through March 2019, your SERS retirement benefit may also increase. SERS will review this back wage information and determine the impact on your monthly benefit and adjust accordingly. The review of back wage information for several thousand retirees and the resulting benefit recalculations will require a significant amount of staff time and your patience is greatly appreciated.

Please note that SERS relies on detailed back wage information provided by other agencies. If you have questions on the amount of the back wages you receive from your agency, those questions should be directed to your agency's payroll office.

## Remaining 2019 MRR Workshops

Oct. 1	Quincy	Nov. 12	Springfield
Oct. 15	Collinsville	<del>Dec. 3</del>	<del>Chicago</del> <b>FULL</b>
Oct. 22	East Peoria	Dec. 10	Joliet
Oct. 22	Utica		

If you've already registered for a workshop, you don't need to do anything further.

## 2020 Myths & Realities of Retirement Workshop

**Beginning September 1, 2019, SERS retirees will be able to register online for next year's MRR workshops.**

To register, visit ***srs.illinois.gov*** and follow the instructions. After you register, you will receive a confirmation and email reminders.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can complete and return the application below to us or call our office to register. After you're registered, we will send a reminder letter two weeks prior to the respective workshop.

*The MRR is a free, one-day workshop examining various issues affecting retirees.*

<b>Feb. 4</b> Springfield	<b>Jul. 21</b> Galesburg
<b>Mar. 17</b> Bloomington	<b>Aug. 4</b> Effingham
<b>Mar. 17</b> Carol Stream	<b>Aug. 4</b> Bradley
<b>Mar. 24</b> Orland Park	<b>Aug. 11</b> Mt. Vernon
<b>Mar. 31</b> Marion	<b>Aug. 11</b> Schaumburg
<b>Apr. 14</b> Carol Stream	<b>Aug. 19</b> Dixon
<b>Apr. 14</b> Collinsville	<b>Sept. 1</b> Springfield
<b>Apr. 21</b> Springfield	<b>Sept. 15</b> Chicago
<b>May 5</b> Chicago	<b>Oct. 6</b> Quincy
<b>May 19</b> Springfield	<b>Oct. 14</b> Utica
<b>June 16</b> East Peoria	<b>Oct. 20</b> East Peoria
<b>June 16</b> Rockford	<b>Oct. 27</b> Collinsville
<b>June 23</b> Orland Park	<b>Nov. 17</b> Springfield
<b>June 23</b> Springfield	<b>Dec. 1</b> Chicago
<b>July 7</b> Springfield	<b>Dec. 8</b> Joliet

### Return this form to:

#### State Retirement Systems

Field Services Division

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217-785-6979 Fax: 217-557-5154

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Date & city of workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Bringing a Guest?

Yes

No

## 2019 Flu Vaccine Schedule\*

The Department of Central Management Services is providing free seasonal flu vaccines to State of Illinois employees, retirees and survivors enrolled in a state-sponsored health plan. Many county health departments partner with the State to provide these at no charge to members. Call your local health department for the exact dates, times and locations that vaccines will be offered.

Members must present their state health insurance card and another form of ID. If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, you can obtain a free flu shot from your physician or participating pharmacy. *Spouses, dependents, contractual workers, consultants, students and anyone who opted out of health insurance coverage are not eligible for free flu vaccines.*

The entire flu vaccine schedule is posted on our website at [srs.illinois.gov](http://srs.illinois.gov). Dates and times are subject to change, so check online often.

**Flu shots will be available at the SRS Springfield office on October 10 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Springfield			
Date	Location	Date	Location
October 8 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Multi-use State Lab/IDPH</b> 825 N. Rutledge	October 24 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Board of Education</b> Alzina Building, N. First Street
October 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Howlett Bldg.</b> Hall of Flags Edwards St. – parking at Stratton Building	October 29 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Healthcare and Family Services</b> 201 South Grand East Bloom Building
October 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>SERS</b> 2101 South Veterans Parkway	October 30 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Department of Insurance</b> 320 W. Washington
October 15 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Stratton Building</b> 401 S. Spring	October 31 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> 1021 North Grand Ave.
October 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Department of Revenue</b> Willard Ice Building 101 W. Jefferson Street	November 5 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Dept of Agriculture</b> 801 E. Sangamon Ave. State Fairgrounds
October 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Department of Natural Resources</b> One Natural Resources Way State Fairgrounds	November 5 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>IDOT</b> 2300 Dirksen Parkway
October 22 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>IDOT</b> 2300 Dirksen Parkway	November 6 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Stratton Building</b> 401 S. Spring
October 23 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Corrections</b> 1301 Concordia Ct. Conkle C	November 7 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Attorney General</b> 500 S. Second Street
October 23 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>State Police</b> 801 S. Seventh-Lobby	November 14 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Dept of Human Services</b> Iles Park Pl.
Central and Southern Illinois			
Date	Location	Date	Location
September Pending	<b>Collinsville ISP/IDOT</b> 1100 Eastport Plaza Dr. Collinsville, IL	October 16 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Logan Correctional Center</b> 1096 1350th Street Lincoln, IL
October 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>IDPH</b> 5415 North University Peoria, IL	October 17 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Jacksonville Correctional Center</b> 2268 E. Morton Ave. Jacksonville, IL
October 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>IDOT (District 4)</b> 401 Main Peoria, IL	October Pending	<b>Collinsville ISP/IDOT</b> 1100 Eastport Plaza Dr. Collinsville, IL
October 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Illinois School for the Deaf &amp; Visually Impaired</b> 125 S. Webster Ave. Jacksonville, IL		

\* Flu shots are subject to the availability of the vaccine. Check online for available dates and times, as we will post when we get them.

## Chicago

All flu clinics will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., except where noted

Date	Location	Date	Location
October 1	<b>James R. Thompson Center (JRTC)</b> Room 2-025 100 West Randolph	October 30 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>Department of Insurance</b> 122 S. Michigan
October 15	<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b> 5500 North St. Louis Avenue	October 31	<b>James R. Thompson Center (JRTC)</b> Room 2-025 100 West Randolph
October 23	<b>Healthcare and Family Services</b> Clinton Building – 1st floor 401 S. Clinton		



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## Chicago Metro Area

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Date	Location	Date	Location
October 3	<b>Central Management Services</b> Suburban North, Room 011 9511 Harrison Des Plaines, IL	October 22	<b>Governor's State University</b> 1 University Parkway University Park, IL
October 8	<b>Illinois Student Assistance Commission</b> 1755 Lake Cook Rd. Deerfield, IL	Pending	<b>Illinois Science and Math Academy</b> 1500 Sullivan Road Aurora, IL E121 (west lot parking behind tennis courts)
October 9	<b>IDOT – Schaumburg</b> Training Room - A 201 W. Center Schaumburg, IL		