

# **Employee Sick Leave Pool FAQs**

### Who qualifies for Sick Leave Pool hours?

- An employee is eligible to request and receive sick leave pool hours if the employee suffers a catastrophic illness or injury for which the employee:
  - o Is or has been under a licensed practitioner's care; and
  - Has been absent from work for a prolonged period, a minimum of 80 hours consecutively or intermittently.

## **How do I apply for leave?**

Inform <a href="https://example.com">HR.leave@tamuc.edu</a> of potential leave, they will provide you with the sick leave pool application

### Who needs to know about my leave?

Your Supervisor and <a href="mailto:HR.leave@tamuc.edu">HR.leave@tamuc.edu</a>

### What is the timeframe for information to be received by HR?

- Sick leave pool hours must be requested before the hours are needed or as soon as possible. Hours must be requested through sick pool application.
- Medical certifications are to be returned to HR.leave@tamuc.edu within 15 days

## Who is responsible for submitting the documentation for my leave?

All required documents should be submitted by the employee requesting to take leave. The employee should follow up with HR to verify everything has been received.

#### How long can I be on leave under FMLA?

For each illness or injury approved for sick leave pool time may take up to one-third of the total amount of time in the pool or up to a maximum of 90 days

#### How do I revise my leave?

To revise the date you leave begins or end, a new medical certificate from your doctor is required.

#### Can I use sick pool hours for maternity?

Yes, but only for the portions of leave that is medically certified.

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## Must I use my comp/sick/vacation hours prior to sick leave pool hours?

> Yes, accrued hours must be exhausted first

## Who will enter my sick leave pool hours?

> HR Leave specialist will enter the time on your behalf in Workday.

## <u>Do I need to provide a Doctor's return to work notice?</u>

> Yes, you will need to submit the notice to your Supervisor and HR