

# Yale Department of Physics

Yale Physics Newsletter

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## Hints & Tips!

Welcome to our new hints and tips section! Please email [daphne.klemme@yale.edu](mailto:daphne.klemme@yale.edu) with any helpful tips that will help us work to our best ability.

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**Major Equipment vs Minor Equipment** – please note that Major Equipment is a single item that costs more than \$5K. Minor Equipment is a single item which is less than \$5K.

## News

**Prof. Arnold H. Kritz, Yale '61 Ph.D. - In Memoriam.**  
Arnold H. Kritz, professor emeritus of physics at Lehigh University, died April 16, 2018 at the age of 83. Kritz was a leading figure in the area of computational plasma physics, recognized internationally for characterizing radio frequency heating of plasmas as well as for characterizing the transport of particles and heat in plasma.

[Click here for In Memoriam Article from Lehigh University.](#)

[Click here for article in Physics Today.](#)

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## Yale's Hazardous Weather Policy - Advance Notice

With winter approaching, it is a good time to review Yale's hazardous weather policy and to prepare for storms.

Yale never fully closes, as we are an academic, residential campus with functions that include dining services, police and security, research in labs, patient care, power plant operations, and many other areas. We have an emergency planning and operations team that prepares year round for any emergency situation, and that team works with departments to ensure that critical functions are provided, regardless of weather.

Severe weather is a challenge for all of us, and our bias is to remain fully open whenever possible, although in recent years we have had the governor and mayor close roads and ask people to stay home. If we do need to close or to delay opening for any reason, we will communicate with you, so that it is clear what the plan is.

As a reminder, communication between staff, managers, and work teams is imperative to ensure that work expectations, departmental needs, and staffing plans are clear to everyone. Now is the time to review

## Save the Date

Reading Week is December 7-13, 2018 with exams being December 13-19, 2018. Good luck!

## Seminars

**Monday, November 16-Sunday, November 25**

Thanksgiving break, no classes or seminars

For more seminars see: <http://physics.yale.edu/calendar>

how staff will be deployed before, during, and after major storms, and to clarify your internal communication plan. For support and guidance with planning, please contact your Human Resources Generalist or Emergency Management.

For staff performing critical functions: In departments that are responsible for life, health, safety and security, staff performing critical functions must report to work. If it is not clear to you whether you perform a critical function, please ask your manager. Your department's human resources generalist is also available to help managers and staff think this through, as is your business office. For staff who do not work in a department providing critical functions: If severe weather conditions hinder safe travel, where possible, the University encourages supervisors to exercise flexibility and sensitivity to requests by their staff. If weather conditions are hazardous, supervisors may consider granting permission to staff to leave work early, remain at home, or, if operationally feasible, work from home that day. Staff members who choose to arrive late, leave early or stay at home, and who do not perform critical functions, should consult a supervisor to see if they can use paid time off. All staff members facing weather challenges are expected to have regular communication with their supervisors throughout the event.

Please consult the policies and resources listed here for general guidance:

- [The University's Hazardous Weather Policy](#)
- [Guidelines on occasional telecommuting based on an episode of inclement weather for M&P employees](#)
- [Weather updates, campus closings, and information about being prepared at home](#)

For more information or assistance regarding Yale's policies, please contact your department Business Office or Human Resources generalist.

## Announcements

For further information on any of the items included here or if you would like to contribute to the next newsletter, send email to [Daphne Klemme](mailto:Daphne.Klemme).

[Please click here for updates on the Yale Science Building, including a new logistics plan.](#) The project encompasses the construction of a new state of the art sciences laboratory at the approximate location of the demolished J.W. Gibbs building, a comprehensive renovation of the KBT Plaza, a lecture hall, and a common area at the south end of KBT Plaza.

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### Pierson-Sage Parking Garage News

This is an update on the situation at the Pierson Sage Garage.

The long running major repair project continues to make progress but will not be complete this fall. The latest estimate has the project going into winter break. Aside from that general time frame, there aren't any more specifics.

Starting on Wednesday, November 7th, the upper level entry AND exit lanes will be closed to deal with moreholes in the concrete. This work will take approximately one month as the cement requires sufficient cure time.

We are getting keypads installed at the lower level to maintain visitor parking which is important to departments.

We are also pushing to get an exit lane opened in lot 16 to expedite exiting the lot. We are fully aware of the inconvenience this causes, but we are at the mercy of the repair project.

Parking in lot 16 is not an option. Vehicles with Pierson Sage assignment parked in lot 16 are subject to tow without notice. Towing is not pleasant for anyone thus we ask that everyone please park in their designated location.

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### Flu Shot Information

#### *Flu Shot Clinics*

Flu shots are free for all Yale staff, faculty, students, seniors and Yale Health members.

Adults and children over 5 years of age can go to any of the flu clinics. Children 6 months through 4 years can ONLY go to the flu clinics offered at the Yale Health Pediatrics Department. Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

High dose flu vaccine is available at all of the flu clinics except the ones at the Yale Health Pediatrics Department.

Date	Time	Location	Ages
Tues., Nov. 27*	2pm to 7pm	Yale Health Center, 1st Floor	5 years and older
Sat., Dec. 1	9am to 1pm	Yale Health Pediatrics, 3rd Floor	6 months and older

\*On these dates Flu FIT home-based colon cancer screening kits will be available for eligible adults with a Yale Health primary care provider.