

Frequently Asked Questions

2026 LA County Employee Wellness Through the Arts Week

Q: Do I need my supervisor's approval prior to attending?

A: Yes. You must obtain your supervisor's approval before attending. Departments are encouraged to support an employee's request to attend this County-sponsored event for four hours on County time.

Q: Will I be able to attend on County time?

A: Yes. With prior supervisor or manager approval, you may attend on County time. **Because you may attend on County time, you DO NOT need to request vacation or personal leave.**

Q: What are the event hours?

A: Employee Wellness Through the Arts Week takes place **Monday through Friday, May 11–15, 2026**. Please visit lacountyarts.org-la-county-arts-and-culture-week to explore the list of venues, dates, and times.

Q: How much time am I allowed to attend?

A: The amount of time is up to the discretion of your department and supervisor. The Department of Human Resources and Department of Arts and Culture have asked Department Heads to support employee participation by granting four hours of release time during the work day.

Q: Are temporary County employees allowed to attend?

A: Yes. If you have a County-issued badge and six-digit employee number (e.g., c123456), you can attend. However, you must obtain your supervisor's approval prior to taking time to visit a participating arts venue.

Q: Is Employee Through the Arts Week only open to County employees?

A: Yes. This is only open to County employees whose badge has a six-digit County employee number (e.g., e123456).

Q: Can family members or guests attend with me?

A: No. This opportunity is exclusively for County employees.

Q: Do I need to book in advance, or is entry open?

A: Some arts venues may require advance registration, while others may offer open entry. You may access the details for each participating venue, including dates, times, and reservation requirements at lacountyarts.org-la-county-arts-and-culture-week.

Q: How do I request the time to visit a participating arts venue?

A: You should follow your department's standard process for requesting approval from your supervisor or manager to attend a work event during County time.

Q: Will the events take place during work hours, or are there after-hours options?

A: Participation is intended to occur during regular work hours, with supervisor approval. Some arts venues may also offer experiences outside traditional work hours; however, attendance outside work hours would be on personal time.

Q: Is there any cost to attend?

A: No. Participating arts venues are offering free admission or special-access experiences exclusively for County employees. Please note, some arts venues do not have free parking.

Q: Will transportation be provided?

A: No. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from participating venues.

Q: What items should I bring to the venues?

A: We encourage all participants to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your County ID/employee badge.

Q: Is there a special timecard or payroll code I need to use?

A: No. There is no special payroll or timekeeping code for attending. You should code your time as you normally would.

Q: What should I provide my supervisor as proof that I attended?

A: Participating arts venues will have a flyer, postcard, program, or brochure you may take as proof of attendance. Some arts venues may have a sign-in sheet; processes will vary by venue. You should coordinate directly with your supervisor regarding their expectations.

Q: What if I am unable to attend during the week?

A: Participation is limited to the designated Wellness Through the Arts week of May 11–15, 2026. Employees who are unable to attend are encouraged to look out for future wellness and arts-related opportunities.

Q: How will I receive updates or announcements?

A: Updates, participating venue information, and other details will be shared through **Countywide email communications** and information can be found on the **Department of Arts and Culture** web page: lacountyarts.org-la-county-arts-and-culture-week.