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Pitt IT plans town halls for faculty and staff, announces Eduroam expansion

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Mark Henderson, Pitt's chief information officer, will host separate town halls for faculty and staff to give an update on the vision for Pitt IT and recent accomplishments.

Participants will be able to provide feedback and ask questions about major IT initiatives planned or underway to support teaching, learning, research and work at the University. Register using your Pitt email for a link to the Zoom meeting:

IT Town Hall for Staff: 3 p.m. Dec. 7

IT Town Hall for Faculty: 3 p.m. Dec. 9

Pitt IT also recently announced that, for the first time ever, associates from both Pitt and UPMC hospitals in the city's Oakland, Shadyside, Lawrenceville and Uptown neighborhoods can use log-in credentials from their home institution's network to connect to the internet at either organization's facilities.

UPMC and Pitt Information Technology collaborated to extend Eduroam, a secure, global wi-fi network, to UPMC.

Available at Pitt since 2012, Eduroam was developed for the international research and education community in 2003 and is now available in more than 100 territories. Previously, UPMC affiliates and Pitt students, faculty and staff who previously had to obtain guest approvals for access while in the other's buildings.

Visitors from Eduroam-affiliated institutions also can use their home credentials to access the internet when at Pitt and UPMC facilities.

"This is a significant step toward realizing our shared vision of continuous, fast, reliable, and secure wi-fi throughout the Oakland corridor," said Jay Graham, enterprise architect with Pitt IT. "It's a fantastic benefit to students, faculty, and staff from both institutions—particularly resident and visiting researchers collaborating between Pitt and UPMC."

Eduroam is now available at UPMC Presbyterian, UPMC Montefiore, UPMC Shadyside, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and UPMC Mercy.

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