

# 2021 ECL PROGRAM CALENDAR & COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

## OPTION A: IN-PERSON

To graduate from the ECL program, we have minimum attendance requirements: Kickoff, 3 of 4 Seminars, Capstone Event, one Group Volunteer opportunity, active participation in team project (June-September) and 12 volunteer hours (tracked online at [uwayhelps.org/ECL](http://uwayhelps.org/ECL)). Attendance at additional events not required but highly encouraged.

### CORE CLASS EVENTS

For the best ECL experience, plan to attend all Core events! Our ECL events will start promptly at the time indicated.

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Thursday, May 27	ECL Kickoff Event	Jupiter's at the Crossing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Snacks & drinks served <u>outdoors</u> . Bring 35 business cards for our networking activity.
Thursday, June 10	Seminar #1: Finding Your Why	TBD	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	You will receive your Team Project Group at this event and have time to get to know each other. Optional social event afterwards.
Thursday, July 1	Seminar #2: Nonprofit Operations and Role in the Community	TBD	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Optional social event afterwards.
Thursday, July 22	Seminar #3: Fundraising for Impact	TBD	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Optional social event afterwards - your first drink included.
Thursday, August 12	Seminar #4: Being an Effective Board/Committee Member	TBD	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Optional social event afterwards - your first drink included.
Thursday, September 16 (tent.)	ECL Capstone Event	TBD	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Groups will present on their Team Projects.
Thursday, October 7 (tent.)	ECL Graduation	TBA	TBA	You are welcome to bring a guest.

### GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

*To be determined – based on current COVID-19 protocols*

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## OPTION B: VIRTUAL

United Way will offer a virtual ECL option in 2021 if a minimum of **10 people** apply. The virtual program is separate from the in-person program, held on a different date and time. It will feature similar, but not identical, content.

**To graduate from the Virtual ECL program, we have minimum attendance requirements:** Kickoff, 3 of 4 Seminars, Capstone Event, active participation in team project (June-September) and 12 volunteer hours (tracked online at [uwayhelps.org/ECL](http://uwayhelps.org/ECL)).

DATE	EVENT TITLE	TIME	NOTES
Tuesday, June 1	ECL Kickoff & Networking	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	
Tuesday, June 15	Seminar #1: Finding Your Why	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	You will receive your Team Project Group at this event and have time to get to know each other.
Tuesday, July 6	Seminar #2: Nonprofit Operations and Role in the Community	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	
Tuesday, July 27	Seminar #3: Fundraising for Impact	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	
Tuesday, August 17	Seminar #4: Being an Effective Board/Committee Member	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	
Thursday, September 16 (tent.)	ECL Capstone Event	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Groups will present on their Team Projects. This is held in conjunction with the in-person program.
Thursday, October 12 (tent.)	ECL Graduation Celebration	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	You are invited to join our in-person program. A virtual celebration will be planned.

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## COVID-19 Protocols

United Way of Champaign County takes the health of our community seriously. We are a member of Champaign County Safe and comply with all CDC, State of Illinois, CUPHD regulations regarding COVID-19.

### Face masks are required at all ECL events.

Masks must cover both the nose and mouth. *Bandanas/gaiters are not acceptable face coverings.*

ECL participants who do not comply with mask requirements will receive one warning. Additional noncompliance will result in immediate dismissal from the ECL program.

Masks may be removed to eat or drink when seated.

### Do not attend ECL programming if you or a member of your household are ill.

ECL members will be asked to RSVP prior to each event and attest that no members of their household are currently ill with COVID-19.

### Practice social distancing.

The ECL program will be limited to 35 participants. Participant seating will be spaced according to current rules. Room capacity will be enforced.

We will implement networking activities that allow for social distancing. Networking activities and snacks/drinks will be served outdoors when possible.

Team project meetings should be held in a space that allows for social distancing.

### Respect fellow ECL participants and United Way staff.

United Way staff will enforce these guidelines – we want to keep you, your families, and our own families safe and healthy.

If changes to COVID-19 protocols are made at the federal, state, or local level that impact ECL, United Way staff will communicate these changes to ECL participants.