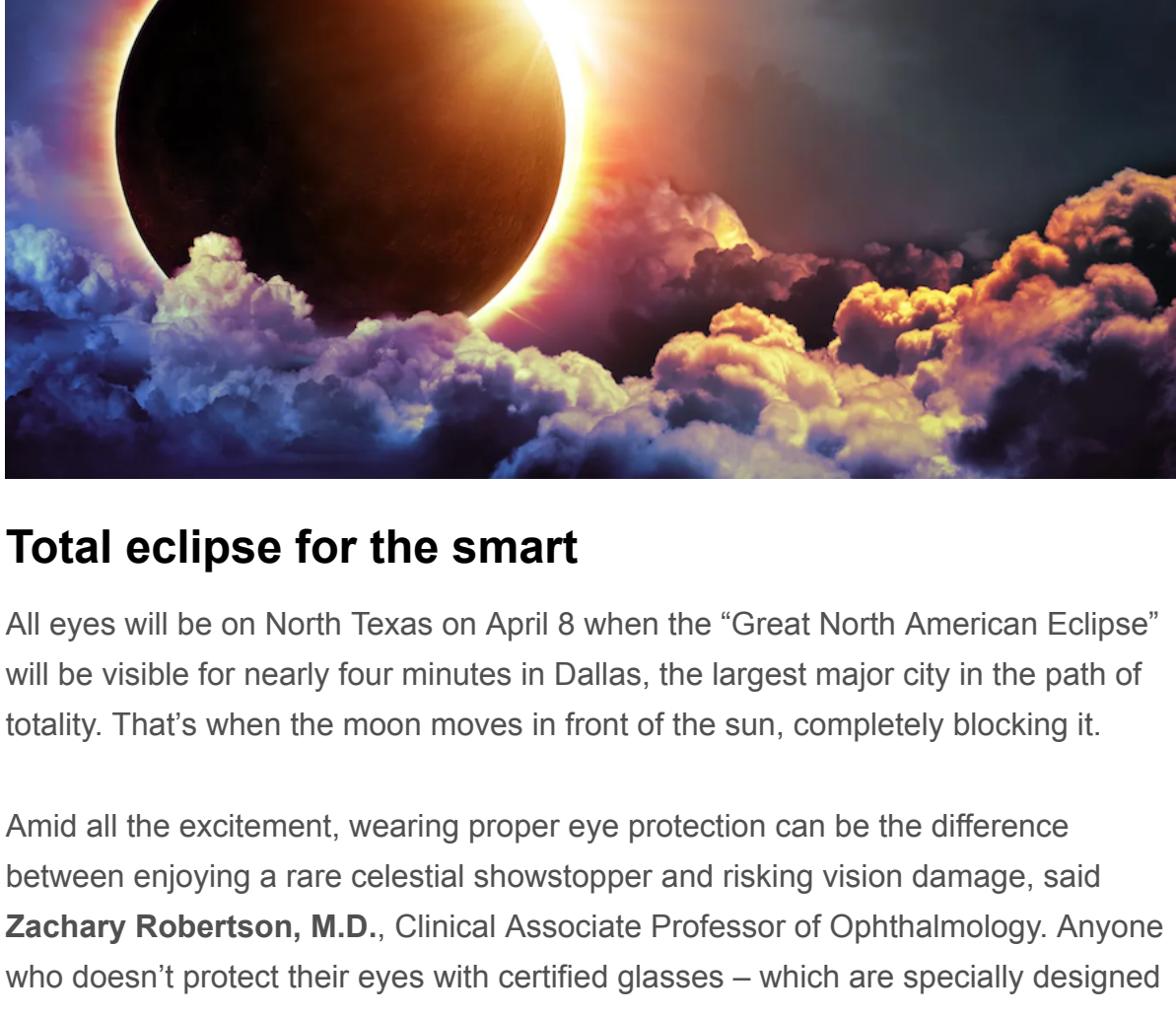




Total eclipse for the smart

All eyes will be on North Texas on April 8 when the “Great North American Eclipse” will be visible for nearly four minutes in Dallas, the largest major city in the path of totality. That’s when the moon moves in front of the sun, completely blocking it.

Amid all the excitement, wearing proper eye protection can be the difference between enjoying a rare celestial showstopper and risking vision damage, said **Zachary Robertson, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology. Anyone who doesn’t protect their eyes with certified glasses – which are specially designed to manage UV light exposure to the retinas – could sustain temporary damage to their corneas or permanent damage to their retinas. Children and people with macular degeneration are particularly at risk.

So, as anticipation builds for April 8, Dr. Robertson answers eclipse-related questions and offers strategies for safe viewing in a new [MedBlog](#).

In next week’s *Insider*, we’ll share details on designated viewing areas on campus as well as “eclipse glasses” giveaways.

New mobile unit to boost cancer screenings

UT Southwestern’s [Moncrief Cancer Institute](#) (MCI) in Fort Worth expects to double the number of cancer screenings it provides in Tarrant County with the help of a second Mobile Screening Clinic unveiled this week.

Eligible residents can receive free breast cancer and prostate cancer screenings at the mobile clinic, which was funded by Tarrant County through a three-year, \$9 million grant to the Institute. The money was part of federal American Rescue Plan relief received by the county.

“Through this grant, we’ve been working to avoid a post-pandemic cancer crisis in Tarrant County by providing free cancer screening services to our most vulnerable residents,” said **Keith Argenbright, M.D.**, Director of MCI and Professor in the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center and O’Donnell School of Public Health.

MCI is a nonprofit, community-based, early detection and support center and part of UTSW’s Simmons Cancer Center.

[Read the news release](#)

Volunteer at United to Serve’s annual health fair

Carnaval de Salud is back, and we need your help to make it a success.

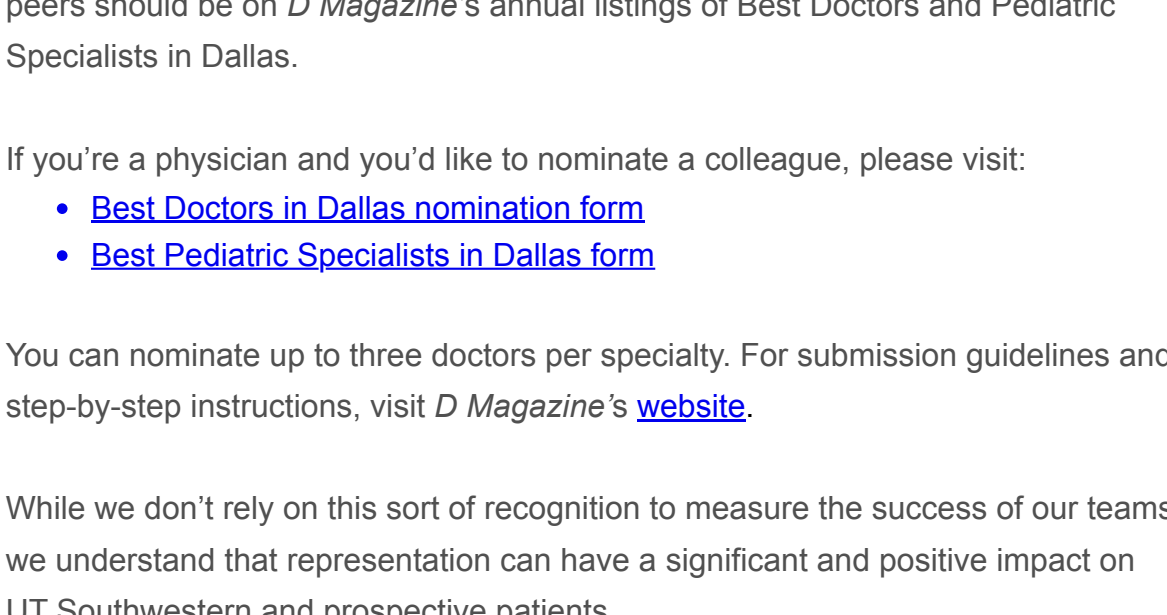
Volunteer alongside students, faculty, and staff to provide vital health screenings and educational activities for hundreds of families from underserved populations in Dallas. Spanish speakers are especially needed. The event, which is part of the UT System’s ongoing commitment to the [United to Serve](#) campaign, will be held at Thomas J. Rusk Middle School in Dallas on April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Highlights of the health fair include:

- Free health screenings covering blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index (BMI), vision, dental checks, and more
- Engaging and easily understandable health information sessions for all ages
- Interactive exhibits that teach kids about the human body and the importance of good health
- Access to local health care resources
- Healthy recipe demos to inspire nutritious eating habits

Sign up to volunteer today!

[Volunteer information](#)



Physicians: Nominations open for Best Doctors and Pediatric Specialists lists

Each year, physicians in Dallas are asked to share why their fellow clinical faculty peers should be on *D Magazine*’s annual listings of Best Doctors and Pediatric Specialists in Dallas.

If you’re a physician and you’d like to nominate a colleague, please visit:

- [Best Doctors in Dallas nomination form](#)
- [Best Pediatric Specialists in Dallas form](#)

You can nominate up to three doctors per specialty. For submission guidelines and step-by-step instructions, visit *D Magazine*’s [website](#).

While we don’t rely on this sort of recognition to measure the success of our teams, we understand that representation can have a significant and positive impact on UT Southwestern and prospective patients.

Nominations will be accepted through midnight on Monday, March 25.

[Nomination information](#)

LEVEL Up: Faculty leadership development program

The Office of Faculty Development is now accepting applications for LEVEL Up, a new professional development program for faculty members stepping up to the next level of leadership.

To be eligible, faculty must be associate professors or professors with significant leadership roles. Division chiefs, vice chairs, and first-time chairs of small departments are encouraged to apply. The curriculum is geared toward mid-career faculty with financial or administrative responsibilities and those who may participate in or supervise the recruitment and retention of other faculty.

The program offers 15 hours of in-person learning spread over eight monthly sessions from October 2024 to May 2025. Participants will delve into topics such as executive communication, medical school and hospital finances, and benchmarking for success.

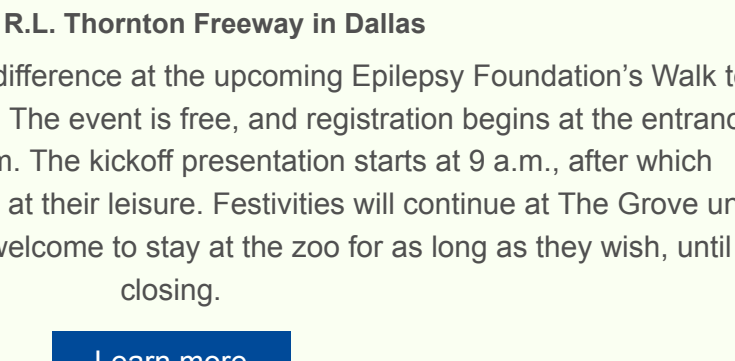
A full description of eligibility criteria and session topics is available on the [LEVELUp website](#). For more information, email the [Office of Faculty Development](#).

[Apply by April 15](#)

COVID-19: Latest Clements University Hospital (CUH) and campus numbers

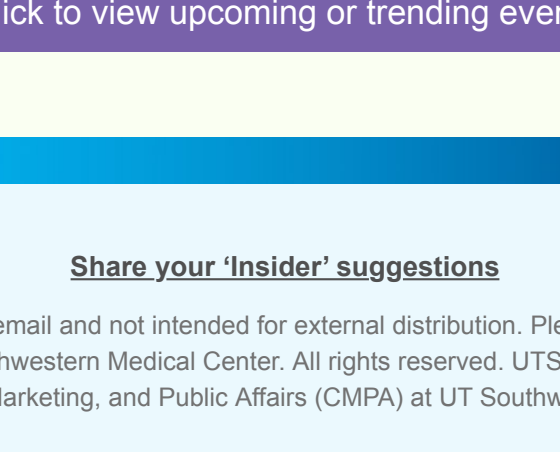
UTSW COVID-19 Census Update (CUH)

March 19, 2024	COVID-19 Hospitalizations March 2020 – Present
Non-ICU	7
ICU	1
Total in CUH	8



UTSW COVID-19 Cases (Campus)

Source of Infection	Week of 3/8 - 3/14	Cumulative Total 3/1/20 - 3/14/24
Off Campus (Community)	20	14,731
Campus	1	355
Pending Source of Infection	1	1
Total	22	15,087



Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance BRG Holi Festival Celebration

11 a.m.–2 p.m., March 26

William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Dining Hall

Join the UTSW Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance Business Resource Group in partnership with Nutrition Services for the annual celebration of Holi, the Festival of Colors. A special menu featuring an array of Indian street food, called chaat, will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the dining room entrance or the cafe registers in advance or on that day. All are welcome to join the celebration filled with good food, joy, and vibrant colors!

[Details](#)



Epilepsy Walk at the Dallas Zoo

7:30–11 a.m., April 20

650 S. R.L. Thornton Freeway in Dallas

Step into the wild and make a difference at the upcoming Epilepsy Foundation’s Walk to End Epilepsy at the Dallas Zoo! The event is free, and registration begins at the entrance of the Dallas Zoo at 7:30 a.m. The kickoff presentation starts at 9 a.m., after which participants are invited to “walk” at their leisure. Festivities will continue at The Grove until 11 a.m., but participants are welcome to stay at the zoo for as long as they wish, until closing.

[Learn more](#)



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