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Indiana State University announced a temporary policy for employees or employees' household members who are at a higher risk for severe illness related to COVID-19.

"This procedure allows workplace modifications, the opportunity to work remotely, or the ability to utilize vacation, sick, or unpaid leave," it says. "It is adopted on a temporary basis to address the needs of employees at higher risk for severe illness related to COVID-19 or who have household member at higher risk for severe illness related to COVID-19."

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Sycamores gather online for inaugural

Juneteenth celebration

A moment of reflection concluded Indiana State University's first Juneteenth recognition ceremony Friday on Zoom.

Rana Johnson, Associate Vice President of Inclusive Excellence and Strategic Initiatives, encouraged attendees to assess the information they received at the event and move forward together. Quoting from the Juneteenth world wide celebration website, Johnson repeated the following words several times, each time with a louder voice, during her concluding remarks:

"It [Juneteenth] is a day where we all take one step closer together to better utilize the energy wasted on racism," she said.

Over 235 people joined in the ceremony which began at 11 a.m. with libation, a ritual of pouring of liquid in memory of ancestors and loved ones. This was followed by a panel discussion where representatives from ISU's departments and offices discussed their diversity and inclusion programs.

During the second hour, ISU officials spoke and faculty members Ann Chirhart (History) and Adeyemi Doss (Multidisciplinary Studies) made presentations on the historical and contemporary takes on Juneteenth. Juneteenth, celebrated annually on June 19, commemorates the end of slavery.

The day is important, Johnson said, for several reasons. "This day should motivate us as leaders to become social justice champions across campus, Indiana and around the world," she said. "This event is essential in the development of visionary leaders able to engage in challenging, necessary and sometimes difficult conversations. And finally, Juneteenth can assist with the establishment of innovative partnerships to help us become transformational agents of change."

President Deborah J. Curtis said the inaugural event is the beginning of a new tradition at the university. "This is now here and shall forever more be here," she said.



Adeyemi Doss, an instructor in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies, leads the libation ritual at the opening of Indiana State University's inaugural Juneteenth recognition ceremony on Friday.

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—Rana Johnson, AVP of Inclusive Excellence and Strategic Initiatives,

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during ISU's inaugural Juneteenth Recognition Ceremony

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