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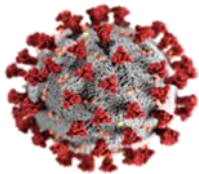
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This Week:

- Illinois STEAM Resource Site Launched
- Chief Data Officer's Passion for Data Benefits COVID Efforts
- New Employee Portal Now LIVE!

Illinois STEAM Resource Site Launched

DoIT recently went live with a new website to offer a central “library” of resources for education and career opportunities in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) disciplines in Illinois. The first of its kind to connect resources across the K-12 and postsecondary education continuum, the [Illinois DoIT STEAM site](#) lists information about pertinent events, news, career exploration and more. One highlight is a new program intended to provide funding for STEAM K-12 programs through the [Illinois State Lottery](#) and its new “Booming Bucks” instant ticket. The new one stop shop website was developed in consult with Illinois educators.



Chief Data Officer's Passion for Data Benefits COVID Efforts

Building connections and relationships well before any data is needed to tell a story or make a policy decision is the cornerstone of DoIT's Chief Data Officer, Tammy Roust's approach to managing data. Roust espouses a three-pronged method when tackling a data challenge: 1) to build relationships within and across entities up front, 2) find out what the needs are and 3) tackle the most difficult issue first. Once you know what you are looking for and what problem needs to be solved, the entire process from data gathering to reporting can be automated, allowing subject matter experts to do what they do best . . . shape policy. This methodology has been integral to the state's re-opening plans in identifying thresholds for hospital occupancy and in responding to increases in regional COVID cases. Read more on this in Dr. Roust's recent interview with [GovLoop](#).

New Employee Portal Now LIVE!

The new DoIT Employee portal is now live! The portal is running in SharePoint Online, and is using modern templates to allow users to navigate the site with ease on mobile devices, even while using the SharePoint Mobile application, if desired. The home page aggregates *News* from multiple sites, including *SoundBytes*, allowing for a one stop experience when looking for communications, events and news from other DoIT sites, social media updates, assorted resource links and even the weather. Visit the new site [here](#) and feedback is always encouraged at DoIT.Communications@illinois.gov.

DoIT FYIs and Reminders

JUST ANNOUNCED: Congratulations to Secretary Guerrier for being named 2020 Chicago CIO of the Year, Public Sector!

The State Fair may be cancelled this summer, saving us all from too many fried delicacies on a stick, but there are events that are still being held both in Du Quoin and Springfield. You won't want to miss some of the best of what Illinois has to offer. Link to the Department of Agriculture news [here](#).