# Retiree Update



## **Cybersecurity Awareness**

October is Cybersecurity awareness month. IPERS is committed to protecting your personal information and takes steps to help prevent identity theft.

IPERS *does not* solicit personal information like Social Security numbers or bank account numbers by email, which is not a secure form of communication.

If you receive a suspicious call or an unsolicited email that appears to be from IPERS and asks for your personal information, please call us. Some fraudulent e-mails may even take you to a website that looks official as a way to obtain sensitive information. Anytime you have doubts about whether a piece of communication is legitimate, you are welcome to contact us for clarification.

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#### **Keep Your Contact Information Updated with My Account**

IPERS has important information to share with retirees. It is important to make sure we have your correct contact information so you receive the information in a timely manner.

## My Account

One way to manage your contact information is through My Account, IPERS' online tool that puts all of your benefits-related information at your fingertips 24 hours a day! The secure, self-service system allows you to view your benefit payments, update your direct deposit information, view your correspondence with IPERS and change your mailing address.

Haven't accessed My Account yet? Call 800-622-3849 to set it up.

## **Upcoming Mailings**

## Tax Form 1099-R

The IRS uses Form 1099-R to report the distribution of retirement benefits such as pensions, annuities or other retirement plans. If you received a IPERS benefit payment of \$10 or more, you will receive Form 1099-R to use in your tax preparation. IPERS mails your 1099-R each year before January 31.

You can access your form 1099-R sooner than you'll receive it by mail by logging in to My Account and clicking on "History of Letters and Documents."

## Income Verification

The Income Verification Notice confirms your monthly benefit amount for the upcoming year. It also lists your annual benefit amounts. Withholding amounts may vary each year because of changes to federal and/or state tax withholding tables. Be on the lookout for your 2020 Income Verification Letter in mid-January.

## **Stay Connected!**





