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My work load hasn't diminished with the adjustments at work. I work with electronic resources, so that aspect of my duties hasn't changed at all – just the location of my work. Unfortunately, the system we use for our catalog is not web-based, so that work cannot be performed from off campus. The VPN option would not work for these duties either. Communication requirements have not changed either. For issues with electronic resource, I email our vendors so that continues as is. I don't teach, so I have not had to make any changes with that. Our subject specialists will have a change in the way the conduct library instruction sessions, and as the person in charge of most of our technology, I have had to research options for us to use to provide these instruction sessions and I will have to implement those. The main issue I am going to have during our remote working time is that my teenager will be home for virtual schooling as well. With both of at home during this time, our WiFi has become increasing slower and more unreliable. There is nothing that the University can do for that though and I am sure everyone that has more than one person using their internet connection to do this type of work is experiencing the same difficulties. Unfortunately, the sessions I would need are not topics/development options that the majority of the teaching faculty would be interested in having.