Workforce Scheduler™ 8.0 Healthcare Self-Service for Scheduling Employee Training



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Importance and overview



After completing this session, you should be able to:

- Define employee self-service for scheduling
- Describe the benefits of using the calendar widget in Workforce Scheduler
- Access the calendar widget in Workforce Scheduler
- Navigate the calendar widget
- View schedule information
- View supporting tab information
- Describe scheduling tasks that can be performed within the calendar widget
- Describe the approval process that may occur when submitting scheduling requests

Topics



- Overview of employee self-service for scheduling in Workforce Scheduler
- Accessing the employee calendar in Workforce Scheduler
- Navigating the employee calendar
- Viewing schedule information
- Viewing supporting tabs
- Employee self-service for scheduling key tasks
- Request approval process

Overview of employee self-service for scheduling in Workforce Scheduler



- What is employee self-service for scheduling?
 - The process where employees submit schedule-related requests and manage their schedules using the employee calendar in Workforce Scheduler.



Benefits of employee self-service for scheduling in Workforce Scheduler



- The employee calendar allows you to:
 - View and manage your schedule quickly and easily.
 - Act on schedule related alerts, such as open or closed submission periods.
 - Filter on the types of scheduling information that you want to see,
 such as holidays and scheduled shifts.
 - View and sign up for shifts that are available and that you are qualified to work.
 - See who else is scheduled to work in your location, or which employees might be able to cover for you.
 - View coverage information for your location, which helps you decide whether to make a schedule request.
 - Submit schedule requests online and track the status of those requests in one place.

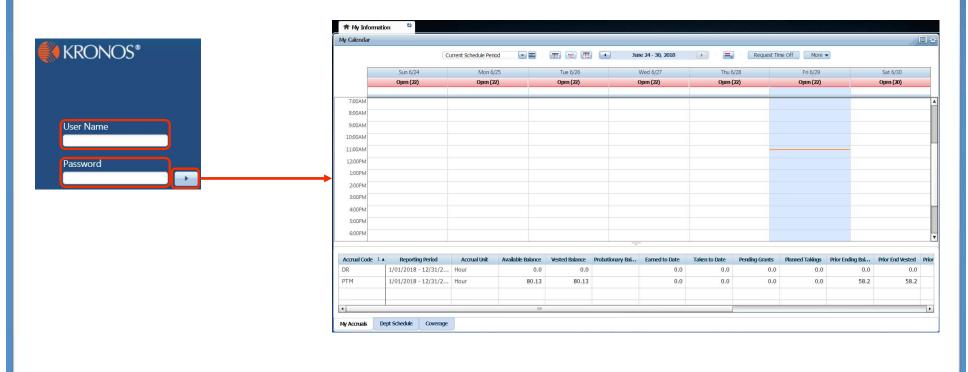
Accessing the employee calendar



Logging on to Kronos Workforce Central Navigator

- 1. Access the Kronos Workforce Central log on page from the intranet.
- In the User Name field, enter your network user name.
- 3. In the **Password** field, enter your password.
- Click the right-facing arrow or press the Enter key on the keyboard.

The My Calendar widget displays in your primary workspace.



Navigating the employee calendar





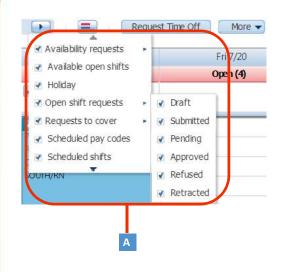
- Show selection: This field displays the default configured time period. You can select other time periods, as applicable. You can also use the calendar icon to select a specific date or date range.
- Time filter: This field works with the Show selection and let you easily navigate to specific time portions. For example, if you have a four-week schedule period and are viewing the calendar by week, you can move between weeks using the arrow buttons.
- **Visibility filter**: This button lets you choose the schedule items you want to see.
- Day/Week/Month views: These buttons let you view your time and schedule data in different formats, according to your needs.

- Employee self-service buttons: These buttons let you perform self-service tasks such as requesting time off or shift swaps. The More button contains a list of all request types that you can submit for the selected time period.
- Request status: This row displays your scheduling requests for the selected time period with icons that provide you with visual status information.

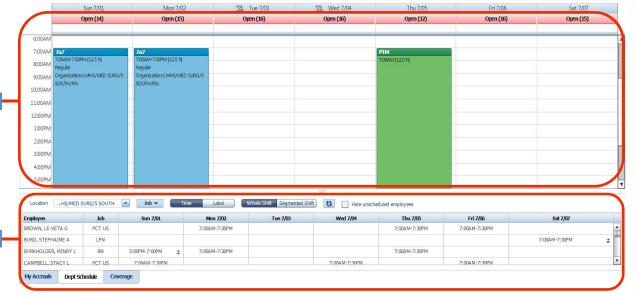
Viewing schedule information

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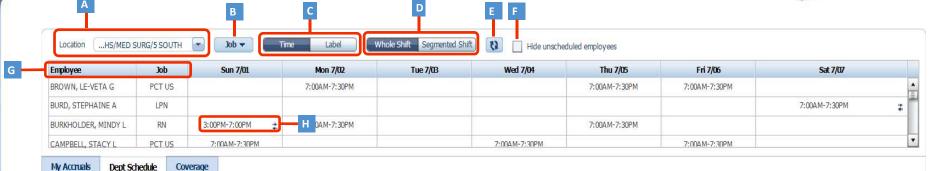
- Filtering schedule items: The
 Visibility filter controls the types of
 items that are displayed in the
 calendar. You may have access to all
 or some of these options:
 - Schedule requests, with selections for statuses
 - Available open shifts
 - Holidays
 - Scheduled pay codes
 - Scheduled shifts



- Scheduled shifts/pay codes: Within the calendar, your scheduled time is blocked out:
 - A blue block indicates a scheduled shift; shift details appear inside the block.
 - A green block indicates a scheduled pay code, such as vacation time; pay code start time and duration appear inside the block.
 - A red bar at the top of a date column indicates available open shifts that you are qualified to work.
- Supporting tabs: Additional information related to scheduling

Viewing your location schedule





- The Dept Schedule tab shows you the schedules of the locations where you are eligible to work.
- Location: Select the location whose schedule you want to view. Locations where you are eligible to work appear in the list.
- Job: Use this list to filter on the jobs you want to see in the location schedule. All jobs for the selected location appear by default, even those that you are not qualified to work.
- Time/Label: Toggle between these buttons to display either shift times or shift labels in the schedule grid.
- Whole Shift/Segmented Shift: Toggle between viewing employees' entire scheduled shifts or separate lines for each segment in a multi-segment shift.

- Refresh: Click to refresh the schedule data.
- Hide unscheduled employees: Select the check box to filter out unscheduled employees from the location schedule; clear the check box to view all employees in the selected location.
- Sort options: Click the column headings to sort the schedule either alphabetically by employee name or by job.
- Transfer icons: Indicate transfers in (left) or out right) of the selected location; double arrows indicate other types of transfers, such as work rule.

Viewing location coverage information





- The Coverage tab shows you up-to-date coverage information for locations where you can work.
- Helps you to make schedule-related decisions that most benefit your organization, based on coverage needs.
- Job: Select the location and job for which you want to view coverage data. Your primary job and any jobs that are scheduled in the selected location appear in the list, including those that you are ineligible to work.
- **Zone**: Filter on the zones for which you want to view coverage data.
- Refresh: Click to retrieve the most recent coverage data.

- Coverage indicators: Each cell under a date shows the scheduled number of employees followed by the required number of employees for each selected zone on that date.
 - Blank (no arrow) = coverage is met
 - = under-coverage for this job and location
 - **1** = over-coverage for this job and location
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Employee self-service key scheduling tasks

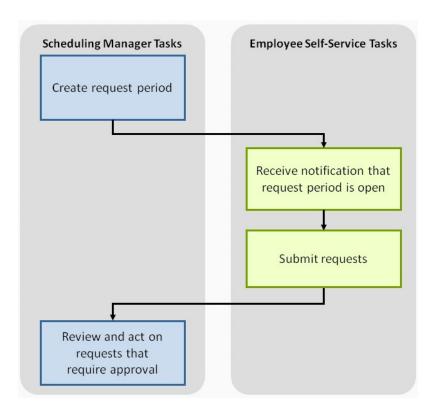


Request not to be scheduled	You can submit up to 3 requests to be off and not scheduled to Request OFF work in a 6 week period		
Request voluntary availability to work	You can submit a request that you are available to work a shift	Request to Work	
Submit a self-schedule request	If used in your organization, you can perform shift sign-up from the employee calendar.	Request Self Schedule	
Request to swap shifts	When you cannot work your scheduled shift, you can submit a request to swap shifts with another employee or with an open shift from the employee calendar.		
Request to have another employee cover your shift	When you cannot work your scheduled shift, you can submit a request to have another employee who is currently not scheduled to work, cover your shift from the employee calendar.	Request To Cover	
Request to work an entire or partial open shift	If used in your organization, you can submit a request to work a partial or whole open shift from the employee calendar during an open shift request period.	Request Shift	

Approval process for self-service scheduling requests



 Some types of requests require approval from your manager



 You can track the status of your requests in the employee calendar

Icon	Request status	Description
→	Submitted	You have submitted the request to your managerYou can retract the request at this point, if necessary
П	Pending	Your manager has acknowledged the request and it is awaiting further action You can no longer retract the request
×	Retracted	You or your manager has rescinded the request
V	Approved	Your manager has approved the request
×	Refused	Your manager has denied the request

Submitting a self-schedule request



Selecting a time period

Set your calendar to the applicable time period to make the self-schedule request.

From the **time period** drop-down list, choose the time period that matches the shift sign-up period, typically the **Next Schedule Period**. Next Schedule Period

Accessing schedule sign-up

Click the More button and select Request Self Schedule.

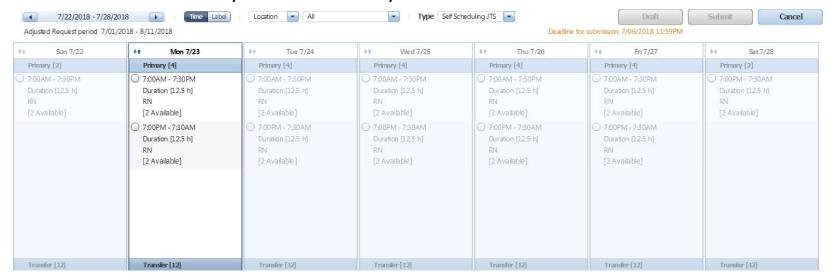


2. Click **Close** on the Request period informational message.

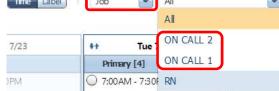




3. A grid appears that shows the available shifts that you could work. Review the available shifts to determine the shifts that you will select for your schedule.



4. Depending on your job and where you are eligible to work, you may need to select a specific location or job. For example, to sign up for on call shifts select Job and the appropriate on call job for the shifts you want to work.





Important Tip:

Please be sure to review and verify your shift selections prior to clicking **Submit** as you will **not** be able to make any changes once submitted.

Reviewing available shifts

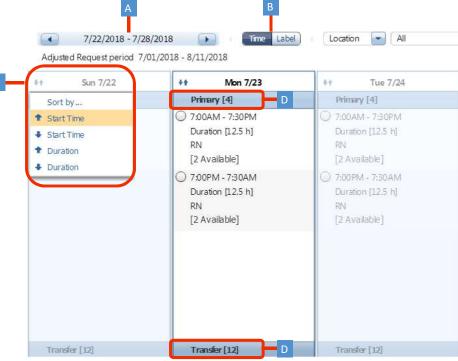
The schedule grid contains several features that make it easier to select the shifts that you want to work:

Move between weeks in a multi-week schedule period using the navigation arrows.

B View shifts by shift times or shift labels.

Click the sort icon to sort shifts for a specific day In various ways, such as by start time or duration.

Available shifts that are in your primary job and Scheduled location are grouped together under The Primary heading. Shifts for other jobs or Locations that you can work in appear under the Transfer heading such as the ON CALL job or RN job for a LPN.





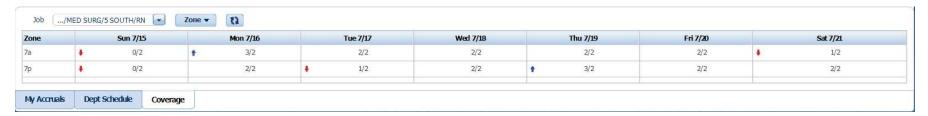
Reviewing the location schedule

Use the **Dept Schedule** supporting tab to see when your colleagues are working. This allows you to choose shifts when you would be working with the colleagues with whom you work best.



Reviewing coverage information for your location

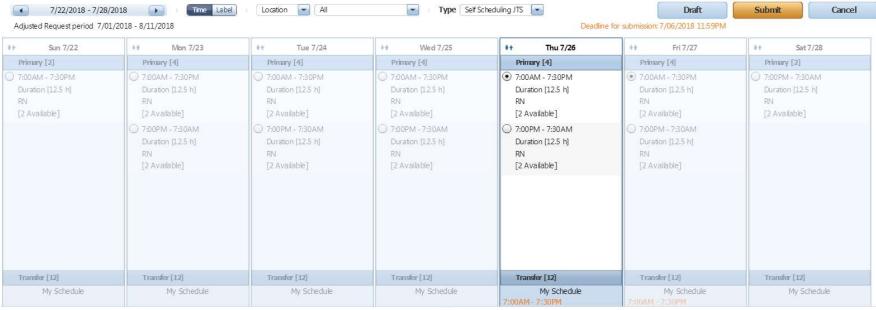
Review the current coverage data for your location in the **Coverage** supporting tab to determine which shifts will best meet your location's coverage needs.





Select shifts to work

Use the self-schedule request grid to select the shifts that you want to work.



- Select the shift(s) that you want to work.
 - If you need to clear a shift selection, click the radio button a second time.
 - You can only select a single shift for a particular day. If you want to work multiple shifts in a day (regular and on call), you need to submit multiple requests.

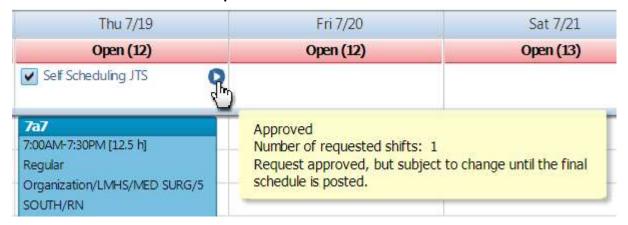
Click Submit.

- If you are not ready to submit the request, you can click Draft instead. You can edit your schedule request later if needed and then submit the request.
- You can also cancel the request if you do not want to save it.



Tracking the request status

After you submit the self-schedule request, it is automatically approved; the shifts that you signed up for appear in your calendar and the request status is **Approved** but subject to change until the final schedule is posted.



Changing shifts in an approved, posted schedule

If you realize that you cannot work one or more of the shifts that you have signed up to work, you have several options:

- Shift swap with an open shift or another associate
- Request to cover (if you do not need to work the hours)

Requesting to swap shifts



Understanding the shift swap process



Selecting a time period

Choose the time period that includes the date of the shift that you cannot work. You can either:

- Select a pre-configured time period from the drop-down list.
- Click the calendar icon, enter the applicable date range into the Start Date and End Date fields, and then click OK.



Requesting to swap shifts (Continued)



Review the Dept Schedule for possible swap candidates

You can review the schedule for the date and location where you are considering swapping your scheduled shift to determine:

- Potential colleagues to swap with
- Other colleagues who are scheduled to work in the potential swap location at the same time



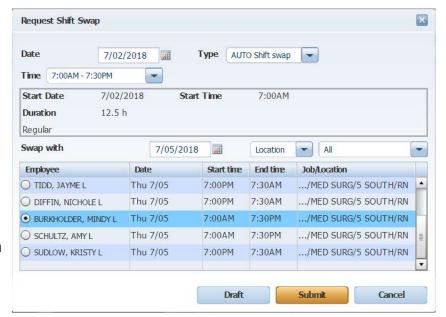
Requesting to swap shifts (Continued)



Creating and submitting a request to swap shifts with another employee

- Click the date in your calendar when you cannot work your scheduled shift, click More, and select Request Shift Swap.
- 2. In the Request Shift Swap dialog box, enter this:
 - In the **Date** field, ensure that the date on which you want to swap your shift appears.
 - Click the calendar icon to select the applicable date, if necessary
 - b) In the **Type** field, ensure that the applicable request type appears: **AUTO Shift swap**.
 - c) In the **Time** field, ensure that the start and end times appear for the shift that you cannot work. If you are scheduled for multiple shifts on that day, select the shift that you cannot work.
 - d) Confirm the shift information in the box under these fields.
 - e) In the Date field in the Swap with section, click the calendar icon, and select the date when you want to work.
 - f) Use the drop-down lists in the Swap with section to sort and filter on either locations or jobs for which you want to view potential employees for your shift swap.





Requesting to swap shifts (Continued)



- g) Review the list of available swap candidates, and select the employee to whom you want to offer the shift swap.
- h) Enter an explanation in the **Notes** field, if needed.

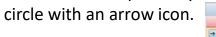
Click Submit.

After you submit the request, the employee to whom you offered the shift swap receives a notification message in his or her Kronos Inbox about the request. The message contains specific information about the shift swap and prompts the employee to accept or refuse the request from his or her employee calendar.

Retracting a shift swap

You can retract a shift swap request while it is in Offered status.

1. Hover on the request in your calendar and then click the

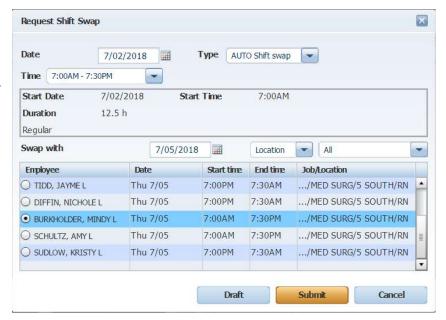


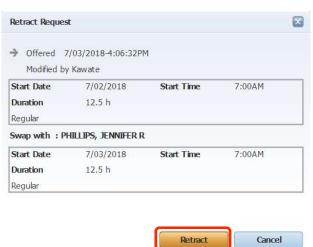


2. Select **Retract**.



Click Retract in Retract Request dialog box.





Requesting Time Off

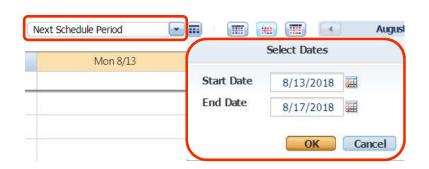


Selecting a time period

Choose the time period that includes the first and last date(s) of your time-off request. For a single day, these dates are the same.

You can either:

- Select a pre-configured time period from the drop-down list.
- Click the calendar icon and enter the applicable date range into the Start Date and End Date fields, and then click OK.



Reviewing coverage information for your location

Depending on the timing of your request, you might need to review the current coverage data for your location in the **Coverage** supporting tab to determine the impact of your taking time off during this period.

• For example, there is already undercoverage for RNs on Tuesday in the following image in the 7p zone so it might not be advisable to request time off.



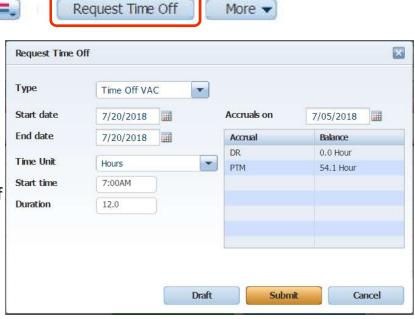
Requesting Time Off (Continued)



Creating and submitting the time-off request

- Click Request Time Off.
- In the Request Time Off dialog box, enter the following information:
 - a) From the **Type** drop-down list, select the request type.
 - Use the calendar icons to select the applicable Start and End dates of the request.
 - a) In the **Start time**, enter the start time of the time-off request; for example 7a or 7p.
 - d) In the **Duration**, enter the number of hours you are taking off.
- Use the Accruals on drop-down list to select the date of your time-off request, and review your accruals to ensure that you have accrued enough time to cover the time-off request.
- Click Submit.

Note: If you are not ready to submit the request to your manager, you can click **Draft** instead. You can edit the request later if needed and then submit the request. You can also delete a draft request from your calendar if you no longer want to take the time off.

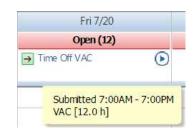


Requesting Time Off (Continued)



Tracking the request status

After you submit the time-off request, it will be reviewed by your manager for approval. The status of the request appears in your calendar as **Submitted** until it is reviewed.



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When the request is approved, the time off appears in your calendar and the request status is updated to **Approved**.

Retracting a time-off request

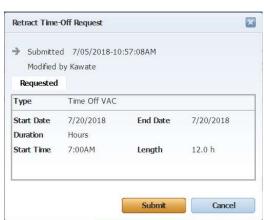
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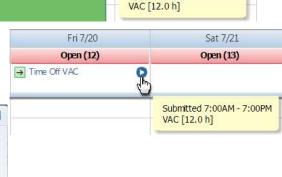
 Hover on the request in your calendar and then click the circle with the arrow icon.

Select Retract.



Click Submit.





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Approved 7:00AM - 7:00PM

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Requesting Time Off (Continued)



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Cancelling an approved time-off request

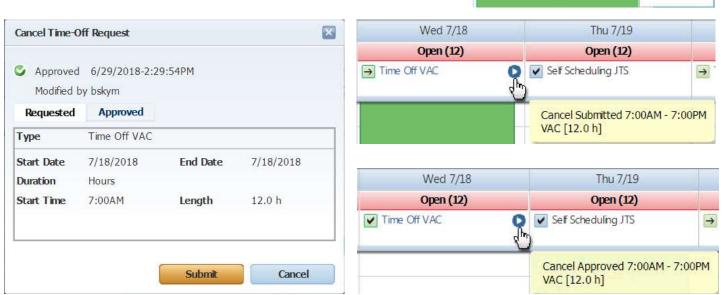
If your time-off request has been approved but you no longer need to take the time off, you can cancel it from your calendar.

1. Hover on the approved request in your calendar and then click the circle with an arrow icon.

Select Cancel.

3. In the Cancel Time-Off Request dialog box,

click Submit.



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Note: When your cancellation request is approved, the time-off will be removed from your calendar.

Requesting another employee cover your shift



Understanding the request to cover process

Employee A sends request to cover to Employee B (offers the shift) Employee B receives request, then reviews and acts on request (accepts or refuses shift) If manager approval is required, request is routed to the employees' manager(s)

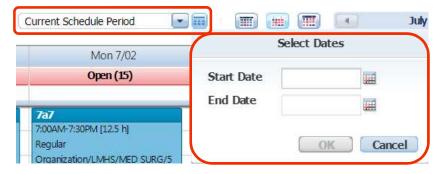
Manager(s) receive notification of the request; review and approve*

Shift changes are automatically updated in the schedule Both employees can review the approved request and shift changes in their calendar

Selecting a time period

Choose the time period that includes the date of the shift that you cannot work. You can either:

- Select a pre-configured time period from the drop-down list.
- Click the calendar icon and enter the applicable date range into the Start Date and End Date fields, and then click OK.



^{*} In cases where the two employees have different managers, both managers are notified about the request, and either manager can approve it.

Requesting another employee cover your shift (Continued)



Review the Dept Schedule for possible coverage candidates

You can review the schedule for the date and location of your scheduled shift to find:

- Unscheduled employees who might be able to cover your shift
- Other shifts that those employees are working during the week of your request,
 employees with fewer scheduled hours are more likely to be able to cover your shift.

Note: Ensure that the Hide unscheduled employees check box is cleared to include employees who are not currently scheduled during the selected time period. You might also want to filter the Job list so that only co-workers who can work in the job that you are scheduled for are included.



Requesting another employee cover your shift (Continued)



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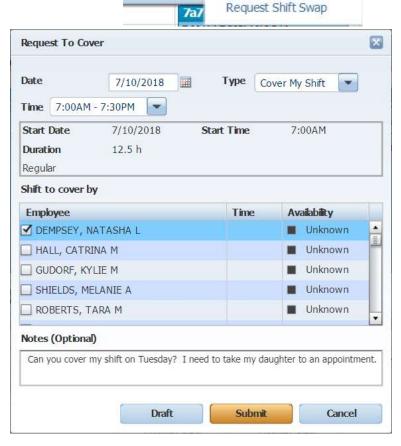
Request Self Schedule

Request To Cover

Request Shift

Creating and submitting a request for another employee to cover your shift

- Click the date in your calendar of the shift that you cannot work, and then click More, and select Request to Cover.
- 2. In the Request to Cover dialog box, enter this information:
 - a) In the **Date** field, ensure that the date appears when you have a scheduled shift that you cannot work.
 - Click the calendar icon to select the applicable date, if necessary.
 - b) In the **Type** field, ensure the request type is **Cover My Shift**.
 - c) In the **Time** field, ensure that the start and end times appear for the shift that you cannot work. If you are scheduled for multiple shifts on that day, select the shift that you cannot work.
 - d) Confirm the shift information in the box under these fields.
 - e) Review the list of available coverage candidates and select the employee or employees to whom you want to offer the shift.
 - f) In the **Notes** field, enter an explanation, if needed.
- 3. Click Submit.



Request Time Off

Requesting another employee cover your shift (Continued)



You can click **Draft** to save a draft of the Request to Cover in your employee calendar. You can see details of the request, offer the shift, or delete the draft request at a later time.

After you submit your request to cover, the employee to whom you have offered your shift receives a notification in his or her Kronos Inbox, prompting the employee to accept or refuse the request from the employee calendar.

Tracking the request status

After you submit the request to cover, you can determine the status of your request by reviewing the status icon. You can also hover on the request to view a tool tip that shows the current status. When the request is approved, the schedule change appears in your calendar and the request status is updated to **Approved**.



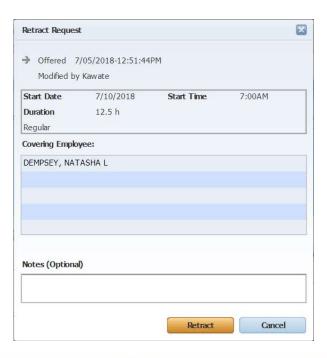
Retracting a request to cover

You can retract your request while it is in Offered status.

1. Hover on the request in your calendar and then click the circle with an arrow icon.



- Select Retract.
- 3. In the Retract Request dialog box, enter a note to your manager in the **Notes** field, if applicable, and then click **Submit**.



Requesting to cover an open shift



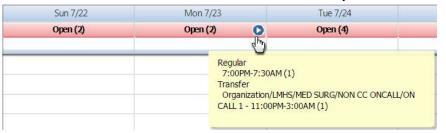
Selecting a time period

From the **time period** drop-down list, choose the time period that matches the open shift request period, typically the **Next Schedule Period**. Next Schedule Period

Reviewing available open shifts

Available open shifts in your location appear in a red bar under the dates when they occur.

- The number of open shifts available on that day appears in parentheses
- Hover on the red bar to view the shift start and end times in a tool tip



Reviewing the Dept Schedule

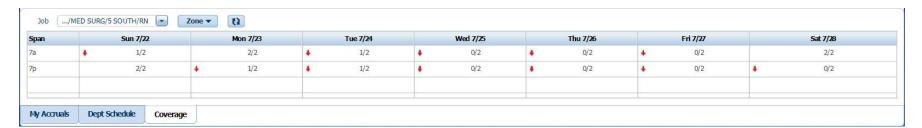
You can review the current schedule for your location in the **Dept Schedule** supporting tab to see when your colleagues are working. This can help you to select a shift that is scheduled at the same time as colleagues with whom you work best.





Reviewing coverage information for your location

You can review the current coverage data for your location in the **Coverage** supporting tab to determine which shifts will best meet your location's coverage needs.



Creating and submitting an open shift request

- In the calendar, click the date of the open shift that you want to work.
- 2. Hover on the open shift in the calendar, click the circle arrow icon, and then select **Request Shift**.
 - Alternatively, click the More button; select Request Shift.
- 3. In the Request Shift dialog box, enter the following information:
 - a) In the **Date** field, ensure that the date appears when you want to work.
 - Click the calendar icon to select the applicable date, if necessary
 - b) In the **Type** field, ensure the request type is **Extra Shifts**.
 - c) Select the **open shift** that you want to work.
 - d) Select one of the following options:



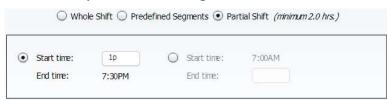


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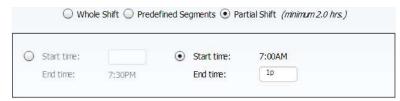
 Select Whole Shift if you want to cover the entire shift.

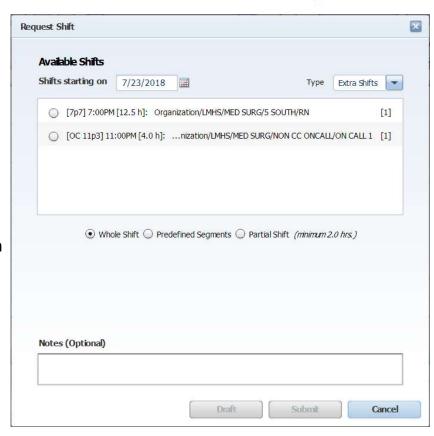
To select part of the shift:

- Select Partial Shift.
- ii. Indicate which part of the shift you want to work.
 - If you need to start working the shift after the designated start time, select the **first option** and enter the time when you want to begin the shift.



 If you need to stop working earlier than The designated end time, select the second option and enter the time you want to end the shift.



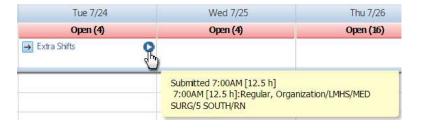


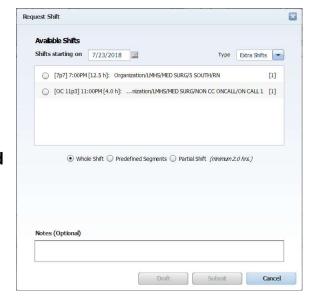


- e) In the **Notes** field, enter a note to your manager, if needed.
- 4. Click Submit.

Tracking the request status

After you submit the open shift request, it will be reviewed by your manager for approval. The status of the request appears in your calendar as **Submitted** until it is reviewed.





When the request is approved, the shift(s) that you requested appears in your calendar and the request status is updated to **Approved**.





Retracting an open shift request

- Hover on the request in your calendar and then click the circle with an arrow icon.
- Select Retract.
- In the Retract Request dialog box, enter a note to your manager in the **Notes** field, if needed, and then click **Retract**.

Changing shifts after they are approved

If you realize that you cannot work the shift or part of a shift that you requested after it was approved, you have several options:

- Shift swap with a different open shift or another employee
- Request to cover (if you do not need to work the hours)

