

Working from home - Week 11

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Well, here we are again. Now Week 11 is done.

This has been a crazy, busy week. It's as though once Dr. Jarrell sent out his communication two weeks ago and stated we would be on episodic telework for rest of the summer, everyone decided to ramp up all the work being done.

As you know, I am on the Operations Group of the UMB Recovery Team. The focus still continues to be on gradually reopening the research labs. Today I received the following:

For any UMB community member to submit questions: <https://www.umaryland.edu/coronavirus/questions/>

Please feel free to share this within your schools / departments. So, I am sharing this within the library.

Hope you all saw Tara's post earlier today about a very important project we are launching to capture personal reflections of the UMB community during this time of COVID-19 – *Unmasking a Pandemic: Stories from UMB During COVID-19*. Just as it was important to look back on the 1918 Flu through the lens of the people who lived then, I can also say that in time it will be equally important to look back at this very historic time. As I often say (eye roll) – Today's news is tomorrow's history. Remember that YOU are members of the UMB community and I really encourage to contribute your thoughts, pictures, poems, writings to this project.

NIH reached an important milestone this week with the help of the regional medical libraries when it released it's *All of Us* beta data set. Over 350,000 people have been recruited to contribute their biometric and social data in one large data set that represents the diversity of people living in the United States. BTW – April Wright awright@hshl.umaryland.edu is our All of Us coordinator so if you have questions see her. For more information about All of Us go to <https://allofus.nih.gov> If you are interested, it is not too late for you to participate in the program.

Robin continues in rehab and I am sure she would love to hear from you. Room 141, Levindale Rehab, 2434 W. Belvedere, Baltimore, MD 21215.

A couple of final thoughts:

I wish I had seen this prior to Memorial Day Weekend because it is an interesting historical piece about Arlington National Cemetery: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-arlington-national-cemetery-came-to-be-145147007/>

And for squirrel lovers (or haters) and as a lesson in physics and biology for home schoolers:

<https://mashable.com/video/squirrel-obstacle-course-video/>

Have a great weekend – stay safe and well.

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