



# UMB Recovery | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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## COVID-19 Testing Guidance Letter

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As you know, the University System of Maryland has mandated COVID-19 testing and symptom monitoring for students and employees returning in fall 2020. Below please find information about deadlines for getting tested as well as suggestions on where to be tested.

### Who has to be tested?

Any student or employee who will be on UMB's campus or at UMB's facilities for housing, in-person classes, educational activities, or to work.

The policy does not apply to students going solely to clinical sites. Please follow the clinical site's guidance.

### When should I be tested?

If already on campus or arriving prior to Aug.17:

**Students** should make arrangements to be tested for COVID-19 as soon as practical and should complete the [SAFE on Campus](#) symptom monitoring form daily.

On-campus **employees** should make arrangements to be tested for COVID-19 as soon as practical and should continue to use SAFE on Campus or another symptom monitoring process communicated by the employee's supervisor.

Arriving Aug.17 or later:

Any **student or employee** must be tested for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to arrival on campus and provide confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test prior to starting in-person classes, educational activities, or working on campus. For example, if scheduled to be on campus Aug. 31, get tested between Aug.17- 30 and provide your negative result from that time period.

### What kind of test do I need?

You must get a COVID-19 diagnostic test. This type of test will show if you have an active coronavirus infection. Currently there are two types of diagnostic tests: molecular tests, such as RT-PCR tests, that detect the virus' genetic material, and antigen tests that detect specific proteins on the surface of the virus.

UMB will NOT accept a positive or negative COVID-19 antibody test result.

### How do I submit test results?

Students should not upload their COVID-19 test results into the SAFE form and will soon receive guidance on how to share their COVID-19 test results.

Employees must maintain an electronic copy of your negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result. Instructions on where to upload that result will be coming soon.

## Where can I get tested?

There are four options for getting tested:

Please call your medical provider or UMaryland Immediate Care at 667-214-1899.

The [Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital](#)  is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and has walk-in testing available. You may also choose to schedule an appointment.

Find a testing location in Maryland by [ZIP code here](#).

Students and employees living outside of Maryland should [visit their state health department's website](#)  for information on COVID-19 testing available in their state.

## Wondering what to expect when getting tested?

UMB's emergency management director [shared his experience here](#).

## Register with SAFE on Campus

This week students and employees will receive an email from [safe-no-reply@umaryland.edu](mailto:safe-no-reply@umaryland.edu) instructing you to register for SAFE on Campus. **Everyone must register** for SAFE on Campus. Employees who are teleworking and students who are learning remotely can request a pause. [Learn more here](#).

Please visit [www.umaryland.edu/coronavirus](http://www.umaryland.edu/coronavirus) for more information about UMB's COVID-19 policies and recovery.

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