



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

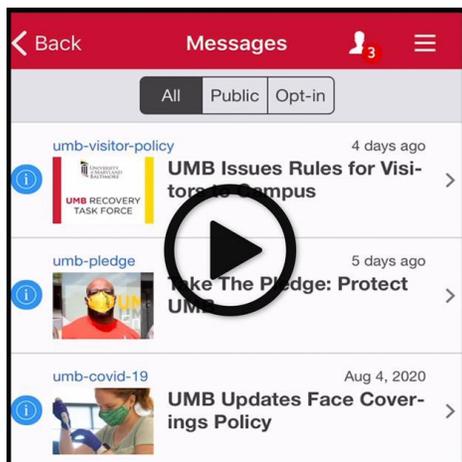
Sept. 4, 2020

Yes, the semester just began, and Labor Day weekend is here. Remember to take precautions this weekend if visiting beaches, popular tourist destinations, and, yes, even family gatherings. Did you know that 41 percent of Marylanders who tested positive for COVID-19 told contact tracers they had been at a family gathering? Answer and/or return any calls from “MD COVID,” which is Maryland's official contact tracing program. If you don't have caller ID on your phone, look for the number 240-466-4488.

This email outlines several changes that were shared this week on the [UMB Recovery website](#).

This week's highlights detailed below:

- Mobile UMB Opt-In Push Notifications
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Mobile UMB Opt-In Push Notifications

(<https://youtu.be/aBj1Z1SqbTM>)

The free **Mobile UMB app** offers an additional way to keep tabs on key UMB Recovery updates through push notifications. The app has launched opt-in notifications paired with the new persona options — student, faculty and staff, and community — to customize your preferences. **Watch this video** to learn how to subscribe to opt-in notifications.



At UMB, I Wear A Mask

Why do you wear a mask? To protect the vulnerable? To flatten the curve?

(<https://youtu.be/rjWVzZuLmbA>)

As UMB gradually reopens, masks or approved cloth face coverings **are required** when visiting campus. **Watch this video** to learn how to properly wear and care for your mask and hear why your colleagues and classmates wear a mask.

New COVID-19 Testing Requirements Announced

UMB will require that all students, faculty, and staff coming to campus between Sept. 7 and Sept. 26 receive a negative COVID-19 test during that period. For some, this is a second/additional test to the one required before the semester began. This includes students, faculty, and staff who will be visiting the Universities at Shady Grove.

Read a letter about the testing from **Interim President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**.

A complete list of FAQs about the new announcement is on the [Testing, Hygiene, and Health page](#) on the UMB Recovery website. Here is a sample of FAQs:

- Who at UMB must get a COVID-19 test?
- If I plan to be on campus between Sept. 7 and Sept. 26, do I need to obtain my COVID-19 test before coming to campus?
- If I have been on the UMB campus and was already tested for COVID-19, do I need to be tested again?

Temporary Building Access Guidance

Students learning remotely and employees teleworking who need to sporadically enter campus buildings now have an additional form to complete. The guidance, which is not mandatory, does not replace existing processes already in place in various schools and is intended for employees, students, and contractors with UMIDs and One Cards.

Instructions are available in both the [guidance](#) and on the [Building Access System page](#). As a reminder, either [SAFE on Campus](#) or the [Episodic Symptom Monitoring Report Form](#) must also be completed when coming to campus.

Mask Reporting Form

To report someone who declines to properly wear a face covering or follow physical distancing guidance in accordance to UMB policy, [use this new form](#).

Caregiving and Work-Life Resources

Launch Your Life offers a [new resource page](#) for parents and caregivers of young and old while they balance teleworking with the demands of virtual learning or at-home care.

The page features categorized links to resources as well as UMB-provided resources and policies to help adjust to added at-home demands.

Launch Your Life also maintains the [UMB COVID-19 Coping Kit](#) to help with stress, anxiety, and mental health.

Other New Resources

- [FEMA Public Assistance Campus Briefing](#) (Note: This link will ask you to request approval to view the website.)
- [Best Practices to Avoid Virtual Meeting Overload and Fatigue](#)

Contract Considerations During COVID-19

As UMB gradually returns to campus in the coming months, staff members who are responsible for securing contracts for event services or the use of venues (e.g., Hippodrome, Royal Farms Arena for commencement) need to consider including clauses that protect UMB in case events need to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Departments should consider these questions in the face of COVID-19:

1. When should UMB procure a contract in order to minimize the financial risk to the University without unnecessarily burdening Strategic Sourcing and Acquisition Services (SSAS)?
2. Can UMB include a “cancellation for convenience” clause in the contract?
3. If a vendor agrees to the cancellation clause, what is the last date UMB can cancel the contract without penalty?
4. What is the schedule of penalties due and the dates they become effective?

For further questions, please contact Keith Gagnon, assistant vice president, SSAS, at kgagnon@umaryland.edu.

Please visit www.umaryland.edu/coronavirus for more information about UMB’s COVID-19 policies and recovery.

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