



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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UMB's renowned faculty and staff regularly appear in the news as they lead the way in the community and the world in creating solutions to problems created by COVID-19. In case you missed it, **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, [met with local TV stations](#) on his first day while participating in a COVID-19 vaccine trial. Check out that story and more on the [News and Videos page](#).

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

This week's highlights detailed below:

- Market at UMB Reopens
- 750+ Pledge to Protect UMB
- On a Pause? Here's How to Upload Your Post-Labor Day COVID-19 Test
- Licenses Available for Webex with Live Closed Captions
- Central Payroll Bureau Will Not Participate in Payroll Tax Deferral
- New Flu Clinic Sessions Available
- Free Pediatric Immunizations for Baltimore Families



Market at UMB Reopens

The Market at UMB and Starbucks on the first floor of the SMC Campus Center have reopened.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed for cleaning from 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.).

Face coverings are required, and floor markings denote physical distancing for line queuing. Food can only be consumed in designated areas within the Campus Center.

CulinArt can provide catering to any school or unit if there is a need. Buffet menus are not available due to COVID-19 protocols. If interested in catering, contact CulinArt at 410-706-0484 or catering@umaryland.edu.

750+ Pledge to Protect UMB

Thank you to the more than 750 people in the UMB community who have taken the Protect UMB pledge!

Shared accountability and respect for others will help us all get through the pandemic.

Taking steps outlined in the Protect UMB pledge ensures that each of us are responsible for our health and considerate of the health of others to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

It's not too late to commit to Protect UMB. Join your colleagues and classmates by [taking the pledge today](#).

Already signed up? See if you can [spot your name](#) on the growing list!

On a Pause? Here's How To Upload a Post-Labor Day COVID-19 Test Result

Employees and affiliates who access UMB or the Universities at Shady Grove between Sept. 7 and Sept. 26 and use the [Episodic Symptom Monitoring Reporting Form](#) will use the same form to upload their COVID-19 test result.

Students who are on a pause from SAFE daily symptom emails and accessed campus will upload their test result to CastleBranch.

Please check the [SAFE on Campus page](#) and the [Testing, Hygiene, and Health page](#) to help determine if the testing requirements apply to you.

FAQs are also posted concerning [who needs to be tested](#) and [when a test is not needed](#) to be on file.

Licenses Available For Webex With Live Closed Captions

Center for Information Technology Services (CITS) has secured 1,000 licenses of the Cisco Webex version with closed captions and live transcriptions.

The Webex Assistant License enables the host to have meetings featuring closed captions scrolling on the bottom of the screen, if enabled. This is an extra accessibility feature for those who are participating in those meetings and events, and can easily be hidden if they do not want to use it.

The closed captions are created by artificial intelligence (AI), so it does not need a third-party application or vendor. However, this feature does not satisfy the need for purposes of an academic accommodation, but it does increase participants' access to information processing.

A similar feature is expected to be available in Zoom at a later date.

UMB faculty and staff who facilitate workshops and course lectures who want to request access should email Sddatacom@umaryland.edu with the subject line: **Request a Webex Assistant License**.

Central Payroll Bureau Will Not Participate in Payroll Tax Deferral

Initiated by President Donald Trump's executive memorandum in August 2020, the payroll tax deferral is a four-month, 6.2 percent pay increase for eligible workers, based on the deferral of Social Security taxes until after Dec. 31, 2020. However, those Social Security taxes will need to be repaid between Jan. 1, 2021 and April 30, 2021.

As employers are not mandated to participate, the Central Payroll Bureau, State of Maryland will not be participating in the payroll tax deferral. All payroll taxes will continue to be withheld as usual. Please contact your payroll rep if you have any questions.

New Flu Shot Clinic Sessions Available

More flu shot clinic dates are now available for September and October. This year's flu clinic will also offer asymptomatic COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

Sessions will be offered:

- Sept. 21, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 5, noon to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is required and will close when full or at 5 p.m. the day before the start of the session. For more information and to register, visit umaryland.edu/flu.

Free Pediatric Immunizations for Baltimore Families

UMB and the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) are sponsoring a free immunization clinic for children. Vaccinations will be available for children entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and seventh grade this academic year.

The clinic is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 at 120 Penn St., Baltimore. The building entrance is on the west side of Penn Street between Pratt and Lombard streets.

- No charge for immunization
- No appointments required
- Families will be asked to observe physical distancing of six feet when lining up and entering the building
- Masks are required to be worn outside and inside of the building
- Everyone will be screened before entering the building

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

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