



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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How do you pause SAFE emails? How do you unpause? Those answers and more can be found on the [SAFE on Campus page](#) on the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) Recovery website.

The page includes a tutorial video explaining the SAFE form, how to upload your COVID-19 test result, and how to use the Episodic Symptom Monitoring Report Form for one-off visits to campus for those on a pause.

[Bookmark the SAFE on Campus page](#) to have all SAFE-related information at your fingertips.

This week's highlights detailed below:

- Updated Travel Guidance
- COVID-19 Clinical Trials
- Centralized Link for Reporting Face Covering or Physical Distance Concerns
- Spring 2021 Semester Plans
- Telework Extended
- Flu Shot Clinic Sessions Added



Updated Travel Guidance

UMB has provided [additional travel guidelines](#) for approved business travel and personal travel.

The University continues to prohibit work-related, out-of-state travel, with limited exceptions remaining in effect. Only domestic travel will be considered for approval by a dean or vice president, who will take mode of transportation and physical distancing into consideration.

For any work-related, out-of-state travel that is approved, a traveler is specifically discouraged from dining out at restaurants.

UMB continues to recommend students, faculty, and staff limit their personal travel to travel that is essential and to review the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Travel Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) before traveling. Individuals choosing to travel out-of-state for personal reasons may be subject to additional COVID-19 testing requirements and/or be restricted from accessing UMB facilities after their travel.



COVID-19 Clinical Trials

UMB faculty, staff, and students are welcome to participate in COVID-19 clinical trials.

The Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) is still looking for volunteers for COVID-19 vaccine trials.

There is an emphasis on finding adults 65 or older as well as members of Black, Latino, and other minority populations that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Adults 18 years old and up, even with underlying conditions, can participate. The study lasts two years.

Principal investigator and UMSOM professor **Karen Kotloff, MD**, [appeared on WMAR's Midday Maryland](#) this week to explain the COVID-19 clinical trial process.

Visit [CVDTrials.org](#), text COVIDRESEARCH to 555888, or call 410-706-6156 for more information.

Centralized Link for Reporting Face Covering or Physical Distancing Concerns

The Face Covering or Physical Distancing Concerns form has a centralized home and process.

Reports will now be made through the [UMB Hotline](#) just like other concerns, ensuring a uniform process. A [direct link to the appropriate form](#) can be found on the Recovery homepage in the Quicklinks box. If you visit the UMB Hotline via [umaryland.edu/umbhotline](#) or by clicking the Hotline icon at the bottom of UMB's main homepage, choose Report Electronically and select Environmental & Safety.

Please note: Do not use the [COVID-19 Hotline](#) to report concerns about face coverings or physical distancing on campus.

Spring 2021 Semester Plans

The spring 2021 semester will look much like the fall semester, **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, [announced in a letter](#) to the UMB community.

Two scenarios to be prepared for:

- Although the University is continually evaluating testing requirements, students should be prepared to submit a negative COVID-19 test result before returning for the spring semester.
- Spring 2021 Commencement in-person activities will be evaluated in the upcoming months.

Telework Extended

Mandatory telework has been extended to at least March 31, 2021, for the vast majority of UMB, as announced Oct. 8 by President Jarrell.

Please talk with your supervisor about your work requirements and discuss whether a potential change is anticipated in the coming months.

The [COVID-19 Status of Operation and Telework Policy](#) is available to be read on the Recovery website.

Flu Shot Clinic Sessions Added

Two new dates for the UMB flu clinic are available for registration. This year's flu clinic, located at 635 W. Lexington St., also will offer asymptomatic COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

Remaining sessions that will be offered:

- Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 28, 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.

You also can schedule an appointment for a flu shot at the Flu Shot Clinic, sponsored by the Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL) and the School of Pharmacy, on Oct. 13 and 14. That clinic is located at HS/HSL's Weise Gallery. [Click here for more information.](#)

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