



# UMB Recovery | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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## Letter: COVID-19 Reminders and UMB Student Affairs Updates

*February 18, 2021*

Dear Students,

With the spring 2021 semester underway, I want to ensure that you have the information you need to have a meaningful experience at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). Whether your coursework is completely online or requires in-person learning at UMB, the Universities at Shady Grove, or another location, the UMB Division of Student Affairs is committed to helping you achieve your academic, personal, and professional goals.

As we approach almost a year into this adjusted way of learning and living due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it becomes even more important to comply with COVID-19 health safety requirements and to access University resources to promote your well-being, engagement, and leadership development.

We hope you can join the University Student Government Association (USGA) and UMB Student Affairs at the UMB Student Community Discussion on Health and Wellness During COVID-19 on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. ([Register on Zoom](#) ). The panel will be moderated by the USGA president. The panelists will include representation from UMB Student Affairs, the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the Student Health Center, the Student Counseling Center, and University Student Financial Assistance and Enrollment Services. You can submit a question for the panelists using this [Google form](#).

Please review the following information for reminders about COVID-19 health and safety requirements and University resources:

Follow COVID-19 testing, screening, face coverings, and other requirements, as outlined by the University and your school. Compliance with COVID-19 requirements will be monitored by each school, in collaboration with UMB Student Affairs.

For more information about COVID-19 testing locations, including at the SMC Campus Center and the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital, visit the [UMB Recovery Testing, Hygiene, and Health website](#).

All students must register and complete the [UMB SAFE on Campus](#) health screening on a daily basis prior to coming to campus. If you live in Fayette Square or Pascault Row Apartments, you are considered “on-campus” every day and are required to complete the SAFE form daily.

UMB needs the help of its community to track what proportion of our population has received a COVID-19 vaccination. This will help manage risk to our community and the need for ongoing preventive measures to

control the pandemic, including limiting access to campus. You can include vaccination information in the daily SAFE on Campus symptom monitoring form or in this form [here](#).

All members of the UMB community must also comply with the [U PDF UMB Policy Requiring Use of Face Coverings PDF](#).

If you are with other members of the UMB community at work, in school, in study groups, or at learning sites, we need you to contact the UMB COVID-19 Hotline at 800-701-9863 if you are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, or been exposed to someone with COVID-19 to help us understand the risk to others on campus and to conduct contact tracing if needed. Visit the [UMB COVID-19 Hotline](#) website for additional information.

Students who are experiencing symptoms of, believe they have been exposed to, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 can contact their primary care physician or the UMB Student Health Center at 667-214-1899 for medical advice.

Please also contact your Student Affairs dean in your school if you have questions and to receive support.

UMB Student Affairs Resources and Opportunities. The Division of Student Affairs provides a variety of resources to support students, including the [Student Counseling Center](#), [Educational Support and Disability Services](#), the [Writing Center](#), [URecFit](#), and the newly created [Intercultural Leadership and Engagement Center](#). You can learn more about the resources, services, and opportunities provided by these and other departments by visiting the [Division of Student Affairs website](#). Additionally, you can visit the [Intercultural Center](#) website and the [Student Support page](#) to access resources for diverse students and communities. As a reminder, [UMB Guidance Resources](#) is a new initiative that we partnered with Human Resource Services in fall 2020 to provide UMB students, faculty, and staff with qualified referrals and resources related to a range of topics, including childcare and elder care, pet-sitting services, legal issues, and consultations with financial experts.

Virtually connect with other students. While University and state guidelines have limited in-person interactions, the Division of Student Affairs continues to provide students with opportunities for virtual engagement, including [virtual fitness and wellness opportunities](#), such as online group exercise classes, offered by URecFit and Wellness. Leadership development and diversity, inclusion, and anti-oppression programming are also available. For a complete list of upcoming events, visit [The Elm calendar](#).

UMB Student Affairs will continue to keep you informed of resources and opportunities through the weekly student e-newsletter, Campus Life Weekly, and [online](#). Please stay informed about news regarding the pandemic by reading emails from the University and visiting the [UMB COVID-19 Recovery website](#). If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the UMB Division of Student Affairs at [umbstudentaffairs@umaryland.edu](mailto:umbstudentaffairs@umaryland.edu) or contact me directly at [palvarez@umaryland.edu](mailto:palvarez@umaryland.edu).

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