



## Tell Us Why You Got the COVID-19 Vaccine

March 24, 2021 | Paulette Willson

April Ryan, a Maryland arts educator, got vaccinated for the safety of her students.

April Ryan, a Maryland arts teacher and arts education advocate, recently received the COVID-19 vaccine to return to the classroom to provide arts education safely.

"I wanted to get vaccinated because I trust the science, I wanted to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and I've been eager to have my students safely back in the classroom," she said. "As a staff member who teaches nearly 600 students and comes into contact with all of the teachers, I needed to make sure that I was protected. The vaccine, coupled with mask-wearing and handwashing, has definitely given me peace of mind!"



### Share Your Experience

Why did you decide to get the COVID-19 vaccine? Why should others get it? These are questions on the minds of many now that vaccines are available to help end the coronavirus pandemic.

At the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), personnel from UMB, the University of Maryland Medical Center, and Faculty Physicians, Inc. are being vaccinated at the SMC Campus Center.

Over the next few months, we will be highlighting members of the community and their vaccination experience. Share your experience getting vaccinated by tagging us [@umbaltimore](#) and using [#UMBVaccinesWork](#) on Twitter or Instagram. Include why you got the vaccine. You can also submit your photos and comments about your vaccine experience, by clicking [here](#).

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