



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

May 7, 2021

This week, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, outlined reminders for the return to campus in a [letter](#) to the University community.

In summary: Each school and administrative unit will increase its on-campus density to approximately 50 percent capacity starting June 1, and approximately 80 percent capacity at the start of the fall semester (Aug. 16 for administrative units). In other words:

- Starting June 1: Almost everybody needs to be here some of the time.
- Fall semester: Almost everybody will be back on campus most of the time.

To help with the transition for the [June 1 phase](#), the UMB Recovery Task Force has published the [UMB Return to Campus Guide](#). The guide includes information about events, physical distancing in the workplace, building ventilation, what to expect in lunch rooms and break rooms, using conference rooms, parking and transportation, and more.

We all know that guidance and public safety measures evolve, and so will this document. Expect to hear more information soon about the University System of Maryland [vaccination mandate](#), the reopening of URecFit and Wellness, the UMB *shuttle*, and other changes to guidance and policies.

Updates will be incorporated on the [UMB Recovery website](#). The guide will be periodically updated this summer, especially as we look toward almost all of us learning and working together during the fall semester.

This week's highlights detailed below:

- Walk-ups Now Available at UMB Vaccination Clinic
- Vaccine Anniversary and Progress
- Remaining Dates for 'University Days' Vaccination Initiative
- Redesigned COVID-19 Signage Toolbox
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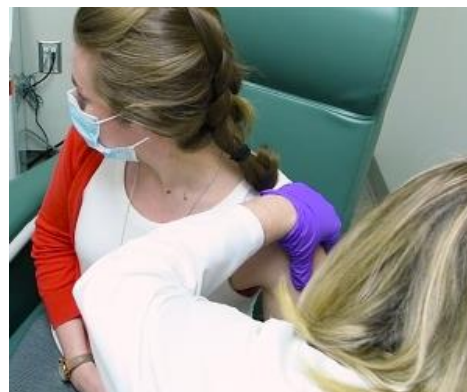


Walk-ups Now Available at UMB Vaccination Clinic

Walk-up vaccination slots at the UMB Vaccination Clinic are available Thursday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for:

- UMB students and employees
- Native Americans and tribal agency employees
- Baltimore City residents, workers, and students
- Baltimore metro area residents

The Pfizer vaccine is available for those 16 and older. A parent or legal guardian must accompany individuals under age 18.



Vaccine Anniversary and Progress

May 4 marked the anniversary of when University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) researchers gave the *first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine* during a clinical trial.

WJZ-TV is one of several outlets that *covered the anniversary*, talking to **Kirsten E. Lyke, MD**, professor of medicine.

"We couldn't have imagined 94 percent efficacy. That was not even something we could have estimated. We were hoping for 50 percent," she said. "...If there's anyone on the fence about what to do, there is so much data showing how safe this is."

For a walk-up vaccination, please go to 601 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

This includes all students, faculty, and staff of UMB, as well as alumni, family members, friends, and neighbors.

Appointments can be made by going to our one-stop website for the clinic, [GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org](https://www.getthevaccinebaltimore.org), or by calling 410-706-3000 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

It's incredible how far we've come since then thanks to the hard work of our students, faculty, and staff!

Meanwhile, the Phase 2/3 trial of Moderna for children ages 6 months to 11 years *continues at UMSOM.*



Remaining Dates for 'University Days' Vaccination Initiative

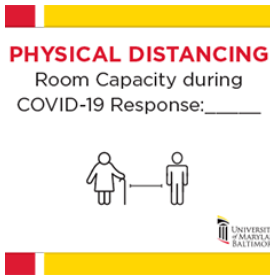
Since the state of Maryland has made COVID-19 vaccines available to all residents age 16 and older, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) and the Maryland Department of Health have identified "University Days" at mass vaccination sites around Maryland to provide access for University System of Maryland (USM) students, faculty, and staff.

Members of the UMB community, including students, faculty, and staff, can directly access vaccination appointments for these remaining dates at the following locations:

- M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, May 7-8 (no passcode; [use this link](#))
- Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen; May 7-9 (passcode: 31522)

MHEC will continue to announce additional University Days at other mass vaccination sites throughout Maryland as they become available.

It is important to act promptly because the University Days opportunity for appointments also is available to others throughout Maryland. To register for an appointment on those dates, visit massvax.maryland.gov and enter the respective passcode when prompted to enter a ZIP code. Then, select the desired vaccination site. Finally, choose an appointment date and time to register.



Redesigned COVID-19 Signage Toolbox

The *COVID-19 Signage Toolbox* has been revamped with a new layout to easily download the signs you need.

Recently, new signs have been added in addition to templates to make your own sign if one isn't available on the page.

Unit-specific signage is available for Facilities, Environmental Health Services, and building managers as well. Instructions are available on the toolbox.



Getting the Vaccine a 'Small but Meaningful Action'

Emily Smith, microbiology and immunology PhD candidate in the Graduate Program in Life Sciences (GPILS) at UMB, was recently vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine to inspire others to get the shot.

"I am incredibly passionate about vaccine advocacy and improving science communication between the scientific community and the general public," she said. "Vaccine work also transcends my personal life into my professional life."

She is currently working on thesis research as a University of Maryland Graduate School PhD student in the Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) with the hopes to create a vaccine against intestinal bacteria one day.

"Getting the COVID-19 vaccine was a small but meaningful action for the greater safety and health of the Baltimore community. I hope to use my vaccination experience as evidence for my loved ones and co-workers that the vaccine is safe and effective! I also hope to raise awareness about the need for equitable vaccine distribution in the Baltimore community," she said.

Share your experience getting vaccinated by tagging us [@umbaltimore](#) and using #UMBVaccinesWork on Twitter or Instagram. Include a sentence or two about why you got the vaccine. You also can submit your photos and comments about your vaccine experience by clicking [here](#).



Share COVID Data in One Click

Faculty, staff, and students can share their COVID-19 tests and vaccination information in one click.

The *Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) waiver form* provides clinical and

occupational health staff at UMB with this information, helping reduce form fatigue.

CRISP shares information from other facilities within Maryland. Out-of-state testing results and vaccination information will likely still have to be entered in SAFE on Campus or the [UMB Vaccination Form](#).

University of Maryland School of Nursing students will continue to upload information into CastleBranch because the school needs immunization records in one place for clinical placement purposes.

[Read here](#) for more information.



Together, We Are UMB

The end is in sight. Although we've been forced apart, we've always been in this together. That's what makes us UMB.

[Watch this video](#) for an inspiring take on the year we've been through together and what's to come.



On-Campus COVID-19 Testing Clinic Appointments

Appointments continue to be offered at the on-campus COVID-19 Testing Clinic through this [scheduling application](#).

However, the best option for faculty, staff, and students wanting to schedule an appointment for an on-campus COVID-19 diagnostic test or a flu shot is to call [UMaryland Immediate Care](#) directly at 667-214-1899.

The location of the test will depend on UMaryland Immediate Care's scheduling — either at the SMC Campus Center or the urgent care clinic at 408 W. Lombard St. Double-check your appointment online or call to confirm your testing location.

Additionally, the Baltimore Convention Center has a wider availability of appointments for testing and is a short walk from campus. Appointments at the Convention Center can be made online using [this link](#).

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

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