

# International Students and Scholars Return to Campus Guidance

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Please visit the following links for more information regarding Return to Campus guidance for international scholars and students at University of Maryland, Baltimore:

## **COVID-19 Vaccines**

[I'm an international student and received a vaccine other than Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. What do I need to do?](#)

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UMB will accept any vaccine authorized by the FDA or the World Health Organization (WHO). International students who have been vaccinated with a vaccine not authorized by either of these organizations may be tested and quarantined for a period of time upon arrival on campus, and may be re-vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine.

As of May 7, the following are approved by WHO:

1. Pfizer
2. Moderna
3. Johnson & Johnson
4. AstraZeneca
5. Covishield - Serum Institute of India
6. Sinopharm/BIBP

For international students coming from areas where vaccines are not widely available, vaccination will be offered upon arrival on campus.

If an international student would like to discuss their situation, the Student Health Center is available to do telehealth visits via Zoom.

Students should either call 667-214-1899 or email [Shealth@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:Shealth@som.umaryland.edu) and to identify themselves as "An International Student Requesting a COVID Vaccine Consult" and a medical provider will speak with them via Zoom.

[I am international student or scholar who has received a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by the FDA or WHO. How can I fulfill the COVID-19 vaccine mandate?](#)

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Those who have received a vaccine that has not been authorized by the FDA or the WHO must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival **and must self-quarantine** for seven days upon arrival even if the test result is negative.

Those who are unable to be tested must self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival. Please note that if you have received a vaccine that has not been authorized by the WHO by the time of your

arrival at UMB, the University reserves the right to request that you receive an additional FDA-authorized vaccination to ensure your safety and the safety of the campus community.

The student must schedule to be re-vaccinated with an FDA approved vaccine after their self-quarantine period. The University of Maryland Baltimore has a COVID-19 Vaccine Site on campus that is open to all newly arriving faculty, staff and students.

You can find information on where and how to get vaccinated at this website [GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org](https://www.getthevaccinebaltimore.org) or by calling 410-706-3000. PCR testing is also available on campus by contacting UMaryland Immediate Care (UMIC) at 667-214-1899. There are many other locations in Maryland where vaccines and testing are available. For more information on dates, times and availability, check out [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://www.covidvax.maryland.gov) or call the Maryland COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-634-6829.

[I am an international student or scholar who has received an FDA or WHO-authorized COVID-19 vaccine. Am I required to get a COVID-19 test and quarantine after international travel?](#)

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In accordance with [CDC recommendations](#), those who have been fully vaccinated with a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the FDA or the WHO must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival on campus. No quarantine will be required.

[I am an international student or scholar who has not had access to a COVID-19 vaccine in my home country. When and where can I get one?](#)

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Those who have not been vaccinated prior to traveling to the United States must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival and must self-quarantine for seven days upon arrival even if the test result is negative. Those who are unable to be tested must self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival.

Individuals should make arrangements to be vaccinated in the United States immediately upon completion of their self-quarantine. The University of Maryland Baltimore has a COVID-19 Vaccine Site on campus that is open to all newly arriving faculty, staff and students. You can find information on where and how to get vaccinated at this website [GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org](https://www.getthevaccinebaltimore.org) or by calling 410-706-3000. PCR testing is also available on campus by contacting UMaryland Immediate Care (UMIC) @ 667-214-1899. There are many other locations in Maryland where vaccines and testing are available. For more information on dates, times and availability, check out [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://www.covidvax.maryland.gov) or call the Maryland COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-634-6829.

## **Travel**

[What is the status of CDC entry bans to the U.S. for international students and scholars seeking to come to UMB?](#)

[I'm an international student or scholar currently outside the U.S. What do I need in order to board a flight to the U.S.?](#)

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The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) require all people seeking to board an international flight to the U.S. to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken 1-3 days prior to the flight. Additional information regarding required immigration documents to enter the U.S. based on your visa type can be found on the UMB [Office of International Services website](#).

### [Can international students and scholars get visas at U.S. embassies to come to UMB?](#)

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Visa services at U.S. embassies and consulates around the world remain limited in many countries. Decisions about resumption of routine visa services is based on local conditions. The U.S. Department of State regularly updates its [webpage](#) regarding the status of visa services. The most accurate information about visa services can be found on the website of the local U.S. embassy or consulate where the international student or scholar is located.

UMB Office of International Services staff are closely monitoring these conditions as we issue visa documents for international students and scholars and will advise UMB schools, faculty and administrators as appropriate.