



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

July 2, 2021

Did you remember to get vaccinated in time for the fall semester?

To meet the terms of the University System of Maryland COVID-19 vaccination mandate, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) employees and students should have planned to have their first dose of a two-shot vaccine by **Thursday, July 1.**

If you haven't already done so, please make plans to get vaccinated this weekend.

This would allow enough time to have the final dose administered by **Aug. 2.** The August deadline provides enough time — two weeks after a final dose — for UMB employees and students to be fully vaccinated before returning to campus.

Otherwise, those relying on the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine should find a provider with supply so they can be vaccinated by Aug. 2.

Today, UMB published COVID-19 [vaccination protocols](#) for students and employees discussing consequences for not being vaccinated. Please review the protocols to help yourself prepare for the fall semester. Effective Aug. 16, all on-campus students and employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted an exemption.

As part of the protocols, **on-campus students should plan to provide proof** of being fully vaccinated by Aug. 2 (or in the case of schools with later start dates, 14 days prior to the first day of classes).

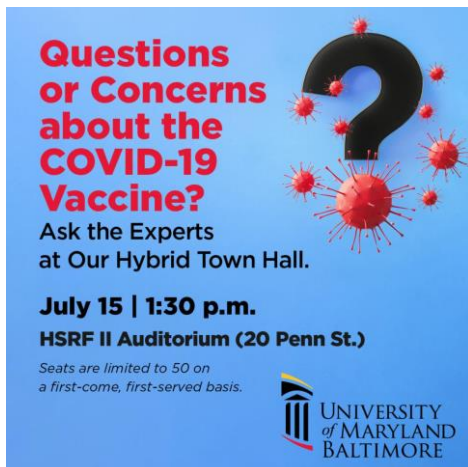
If you've **already been vaccinated** but have not reported it to UMB, please report it to the [UMB COVID-19 Management Portal](#). If you were vaccinated in Maryland, you also can sign the CRISP acknowledgment form in that same portal to confirm your vaccine status.

Find a vaccination site near you [here](#).

A list of FAQs about vaccine requirements is available on the [COVID-19 Vaccine page](#).

This week's highlights detailed below:

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**Questions
or Concerns
about the
COVID-19
Vaccine?**

Ask the Experts
at Our Hybrid Town Hall.

July 15 | 1:30 p.m.
HSRF II Auditorium (20 Penn St.)

Seats are limited to 50 on
a first-come, first-served basis.



**COVID-19 Vaccines Hybrid
Town Hall**



**! URecFit
COVID-19
Updates**

URecFit Phase 2 Reopening

Join UMB President **Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, for a town hall July 15 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss COVID-19 vaccines. Our experts will be available to answer questions about the safety of the vaccines and the science behind them, as well as other related concerns.

The experts are:

- **Matthew Laurens, MD, MPH**, a pediatric infectious disease specialist who conducts research with the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health.
- **Sarah Edwards, DO**, assistant professor of psychiatry, UMSOM, who is a co-investigator for UMB's Health Resources and Services Administration grant focused on public perceptions and attitudes about vaccines.

The event will take place in person in the Health Sciences Research Facility II auditorium (20 Penn St.) and will be available virtually via webcast and livestream on UMB's Facebook page.

Seating is available to 50 attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, those attending in person will be required to sign in, per COVID-19 safety requirements. To register for the webcast, please [click here](#).

URecFit and Wellness will enter Phase 2 of its reopening Tuesday, July 6.

During Phase 2, all members, except sponsored members and guests, may access the facility.

- **Hours are modified** to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **The pool will remain closed.**

- **No reservations** are required, but all members must self-scan their One Card or membership ID at the fourth-floor check-in desk.

- **Members** must either restart their membership (membership will be extended for the number of days lost due to the COVID-19 closure) or purchase a membership at the business office. Memberships will not be prorated (modified hours, reduced amenities, etc.).

- **Total capacity** of the facility is limited to 150.

- **Certain activities** will still be prohibited (i.e., 1-on-1, 2-on-2 basketball, etc.; team sports; racquetball or squash).

- **Spotting by members is allowed.** URecFit and Wellness staff may decline spotting if they are uncomfortable. Please modify your intensity

- **All daily lockers are now available.** You must bring your own lock. Please practice physical distancing.

Please check the [URecFit and Wellness website](#) for updates regarding the status of reopening

as well as modifications to services and programs.



Updated Visitors Guidance Simplifies Process

A July 1 update to the COVID-19 Visitors Guidance creates a more streamlined guide to accommodating guests to UMB's campus during the pandemic.

The guidance, which is available to [read here](#), does the following:

- Eliminates the multiple classifications of visitors
- Eliminates the Visitors Acknowledgment Form
- Encourages sponsors to take action and be organized
- Encourages sponsors to keep a list of attendees
- Updates reference to changes to the [Policy Requiring Use of Face Coverings](#)
- States that visitors will not be asked their vaccination status
- Maintains that when a planned activity or event will include more than 25 visitors, email [COVID Recovery](#).

As previously announced with updated events guidance, large indoor events with numerous visitors will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Please have your dean or vice president email [Jon Kucskar](#) for guidance on those events.



Updated Face Covering Policy in Effect

UMB's [Policy Requiring Use of Face Coverings](#) became [effective July 1](#).

Here's what you need to know:

- **Fully vaccinated** people no longer are required to wear a face covering or practice physical distancing.
- UMB students and employees who are **not fully vaccinated** must continue to wear a face covering. Physical distancing must be adhered to when removing their face covering to eat or drink.
- **Current face covering policy exemptions** will be permitted for people not fully vaccinated, including not needing to wear a face covering outside in most scenarios and when alone in their office, lab, or study space.

- UMB students and employees with **approved medical and religious exemptions** must continue to wear a face covering.
- **Public transit riders**, including the UMB *shuttle*, buses, and Safe Ride, must continue to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status.

Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after a final vaccine dose.

People may choose to continue to wear a face covering even when fully vaccinated.

If you have concerns that a person is unvaccinated and not wearing a face covering or practicing physical distancing on the UMB campus, you can report that to your supervisor or to the [UMB Whistleblower Hotline](#), and we will investigate the matter.

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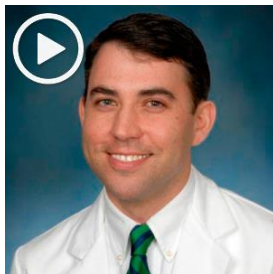


UMB now has a Cloud Storage retention policy to all Zoom accounts.

Effective July 1, 2021, the retention was set to 365 days.

All recordings that started **prior to July 1, 2020** (one year ago), will be deleted and moved to your Zoom trash. Those recordings will remain in your trash for 30 days and then be permanently deleted.

[Read here](#) for more information and instructions on how to recover those files.



UMSOM Researcher on 'Direct Connection' Program

Matthew Frieman, PhD, associate professor at UMSOM, appeared on Maryland Public Television's *Direct Connection* program this week talking about his research on the Novavax vaccine and answering viewer questions on COVID-19 vaccines and variants.

"The vaccines are incredibly effective at keeping you from getting severe disease," Frieman said. "What we know now is that you really need two doses to get that full protection so you can protect yourself against the variants that we know of now and future variants that we don't even know are out there yet. Getting fully vaccinated is really key for protecting yourself from severe disease, hospitalization, infection, and death."

Watch [here](#).



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Each week, the Recovery Recap will highlight a mental health resource to help with the re-entry into the office.

Thanks to a [new law](#) that went into effect July 1, Maryland's 211 service is launching a mental health phone support

service this summer.

The [211 Health Check Program](#) provides a one-on-one connection with a warm, caring specialist trained in suicide prevention and mental health support simply by dialing 2-1-1.

Marylanders can text HealthCheck to 211-MD1 to sign up for text alerts about the program or to register for the program early. 211 Maryland will send supportive text messages leading up to launch of 211 Health Check later this summer. When the program launches, those who have signed up for text alerts will be invited to schedule their first call.

For the most up-to-date information about the 211 Health Check Program, please visit 211md.org/healthcheck/. Need help now? Dial 211 and press 1 to talk with a trained substance misuse professional.



Vaccination Requirement for New Hires

The following FAQ has been added to the [UMB Recovery Website](#):

What is the UMB vaccine requirement for new employees who start on or after Aug. 16, 2021?

A new employee must be fully vaccinated (or have been granted a medical/religious exemption) on Day 1, but a dean or vice president can grant an extension of the Day 1 deadline for good cause, provided that the employee has at least their first shot by Day 1.

Human Resource Services can provide additional guidance for how the requirement should be communicated to job candidates and new hires.



SAFE on Campus Changes

This week, [SAFE on Campus daily symptom monitoring](#) emails are being deactivated for **confirmed vaccinated** UMB faculty, staff, and students.

If UMB has confirmation that you are fully vaccinated, you will no longer receive the SAFE on Campus daily symptom monitoring emails 14 days after your final dose.

Please allow 24 hours for the system to stop sending SAFE emails after your vaccination status shows as confirmed.

Students of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the University of Maryland School of Nursing will continue to receive their daily SAFE symptom survey so that they can report their clinical status on the days they attend clinical practicum sites.

Nonvaccinated faculty, staff, and students must complete it every day they are coming to campus.

You **may be contacted for additional information** about your COVID-19 vaccination documentation. Earlier versions of SAFE allowed you to self-report doses but did not provide a way to upload proof of vaccination.

For more information and FAQs, visit the [SAFE on Campus page](#).



Return to Campus & Policies and Guidance

Get prepared and reacquainted with policies and guidance you need to know.

General Return to Campus-specific guidelines can be [found here](#).

COVID-19 Policies and Guidance are found on [this page](#).



COVID-19 Management Portal

The [UMB COVID-19 Management Portal](#) allows faculty, staff, and students to:

- Approve or deny Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) COVID-19 health information sharing
- Upload vaccination dose information (if not using CRISP)

- Request a vaccination exemption

Users will first see the CRISP authorization screen when they log in if they haven't answered the form previously.

Test results and dose information are typically shared the next day to the COVID-19 Management Portal via CRISP.

Lost your COVID-19 vaccination card? See instructions [here](#) on how to get a replacement.

The **medical and religious exemption** process can be [viewed online](#). The submission process and forms are available through the UMB COVID-19 Management Portal.



The Skinny on Campus Dining

Need a snack or lunch now that you are back on campus?

Here are a few reminders about campus food services:

- **Problems with a vending machine?** Call Canteen Services at 410-626-9400. If the issue has not been resolved or is persistent, contact [Raymond Dudeck](#), director of business services at UMB.

- **SMC Campus Center dining:** A phased return to coffee and pastry service on the first floor is planned by late July. Hot food service is expected to resume when the campus is at 80 percent or higher density in the fall.

- **Health Science Research Facility coffee kiosks:** Vendor has submitted plans for a return to operations. The University of Maryland School of Medicine will make a determination when the service should return; no date has been set.

- **Hospital dining:** The University of Maryland Medical Center has several dining options available for hot meals and snacks. Visit [this webpage](#) for information.

- **Community eateries:** Many locally owned businesses would love the support of UMB employees and students. Some new restaurants have opened in the area, too, and Lexington Market remains open during construction. Visit [this map](#) for options.



On-Campus COVID-19 Testing at UM Immediate Care

COVID-19 tests are being offered at [UMaryland Immediate Care](#), 408 W. Lombard St. The first-floor SMC Campus Center testing location is closed.

Appointments can be made 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.

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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