



## UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

July 16, 2021

After more than a year of disruption, it's time to rediscover the heartbeat of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), as more students, faculty, and staff return to campus.

That's why the Office of Communication and Public Affairs has launched a new podcast, ***The UMB Pulse***.



Co-hosted by **Charles Schelle**, senior media relations specialist; **Dana Rampolla**, director of integrated marketing; and **Jena Frick**, senior media relations specialist, ***The UMB Pulse*** will help listeners stay up to date on changes and guidelines as we navigate our return to campus through interviews with people at UMB and the West Baltimore community that have their finger on the pulse.

Rate, review, and subscribe to ***The UMB Pulse*** on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Deezer, Stitcher, iHeartRadio, or ask Alexa-enabled devices to play the podcast. The podcast will also have a home at [umaryland.edu/pulse](https://umaryland.edu/pulse), which has links to all of the platforms and transcripts.

The podcast is also available on the ***UMB YouTube Channel*** in a dedicated playlist, where the chapters feature is also available.

The latest Return to Campus guidance will be shared in a segment called The Pulse Check. Then, as summer draws to a close, the focus of the podcast will shift to feature stories of interest and inspiration, while continuing to provide a "Pulse Check" with important, timely University updates.

The podcast will be published biweekly on Thursdays, with the premiere episode published July 15. The second episode will be released July 29, featuring **Tyrone Roper, MSW**, director of the UMB Community Engagement Center.

Don't have time to listen to the entire podcast? To find a specific segment in an episode, click on the Chapters icon within the player to see a list of important points within the episode. (This feature may not be available on all players.)

Stay tuned for more! Have a suggestion for an upcoming episode? Submit your ideas at [umaryland.edu/pulse](http://umaryland.edu/pulse).

### **This week's highlights detailed below:**

- Mix and Match Booster Study
- UMB Housing Scholarships, Discounts
- Supervisors Vaccination Open Forum
- Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week
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## Mix and Match Booster Study

The Institute of Human Virology (IHV) and the Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health are looking for volunteers for a new COVID-19 vaccine booster study.

As part of the study, researchers will mix and match different vaccines as a booster dose and study the safety and the immune response. IHV asks that you agree to donate blood to study your immune response to the vaccines.

To volunteer, you must:

- Be a healthy adult (18 years or older)
- Have not had COVID-19 or the antibody infusion of COVID-19 antibody
- Have received a COVID-19 vaccine, in the past three to five months, or are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine series as part of a booster study.

This study will require approximately 14-15 clinic visits over a 12- to 27-month time span, to follow the safety and the immune response to the vaccine and/or boosters. Eligible participants will be compensated for completing all the study visits and procedures.

If you are interested in participating in the study and would like more information about what it takes to qualify, please call IHV at 410-706-7926.

## UMB Housing Scholarships, Discounts

On-campus housing is still available at Fayette Square Apartments — part of UMB Housing.

New applicants and licensees can receive a scholarship and/or discounts to live in Fayette Square: 12 months for the price of nine months by applying and signing a housing license between July 13, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2021. Your license dates would be Aug. 2, 2021, to July 22, 2022.

Contact UMB Housing at [umbhousing@umaryland.edu](mailto:umbhousing@umaryland.edu) or visit [www.umaryland.edu/housing](http://www.umaryland.edu/housing) for rates, availability, and virtual tours. In-person tours are available Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 410-706-5523 if you have any questions and to discuss the options.

Please note — this offer is only available for new applicants and licensees for annual contracts signed after July 13, 2021, to live in Fayette Square. The scholarships and discounts are not available for Pascault Row. Limited openings exist in Pascault Row. Contact UMB Housing to learn more.



## Supervisors Vaccination Open Forum

Supervisors are invited to join Human Resource Services and Environmental Health and Safety for a question-and-answer session at 2 p.m. July 21 on the vaccine mandate and its implications for our staff and faculty.

Click [here](#) to register.

A Zoom link will be sent to registrants the day of the event.



## Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

UMB has designed a brand-new self-care toolkit for your mental health needs. You are the best advocate for your mind, body, and spirit — it is especially important to recognize that your stress levels can negatively impact your overall health.

This kit will help you find resources and determine healthy ways to cope and react.

For more information and to view the Self-Care Toolkit, [visit this link](#).



## UMB Shuttle Resumes Service Aug. 2

The UMB *shuttle* will resume service Aug. 2, 2021, from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Download the free UMB mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play for UMB *shuttle* updates and real-time tracking.

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#), students, faculty, and staff must wear a face covering when on buses or shuttles operated by UMB whether fully vaccinated or not.

Visit [umaryland.edu/shuttlebus](http://umaryland.edu/shuttlebus) for more details.

## Lyft On-Demand Shuttle Discount Ends July 30



The Lyft On-Demand Shuttle discount program will end at midnight July 30. After that time, *discounts on rides* between shuttle stops will no longer apply.



## Added Temporary Daily Student Parking To End

Additional temporary daily parking for registered student parkers will end July 31.

In addition to Lexington Street Garage, registered student parkers may park in Baltimore Grand Garage or Penn Street Garage during the day at the student daily rate.



## UMB COVID-19 Vaccination Protocols

**Not vaccinated?** Please read the COVID-19 *vaccination protocols* for students and employees, which discusses consequences for not being vaccinated. 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).

**International students and scholars** can follow additional vaccination guidance [here](#).



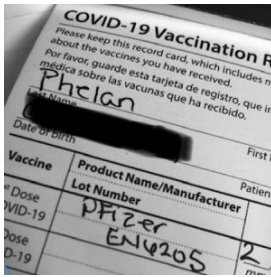
## Vaccination Requirement for New Hires

### 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 had 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.



## How to Replace a Lost Vaccination Card

If your COVID-19 vaccination is lost or damaged, there are several ways to be issued a new record.

Those who were vaccinated at UMB can download proof through [MyPortfolio](#). Further instructions can be found [here](#).

Those who were vaccinated elsewhere in Maryland can download proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations as well as other vaccinations from [ImmuNet](#), the Maryland Department of Health's vaccine portal.

Other options to reissue your vaccination card include contacting the vaccine site directly or the MDGoVax hotline at 1-855-634-6829.



## 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.

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





## 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.



## On-Campus COVID-19 Testing at UM Immediate Care

COVID-19 tests are being offered at [UMaryland Immediate Care](#), 408 W. Lombard St.

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

Or, visit this [new link](#) for online scheduling.

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](#).

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Please visit [umaryland.edu/coronavirus](https://umaryland.edu/coronavirus) for more information about UMB's COVID-19 policies and recovery.

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