



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

July 23, 2021

As more of us return to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) campus this summer and fall, we'd like you to share your photos at school or in your department. Take a photo by the Elm tree. Take a photo in a classroom on your first day back on campus. Take a photo with our favorite UMB comfort dog, Lexi. Take a photo with your friends socially distanced at lunch.



How to Participate

Students, faculty, and staff can submit their photos and story using [this form](#).

We look forward to sharing your submissions on social media throughout the fall semester!

This week's highlights detailed below:

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COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall

One event. Two audiences.
Three panelists. Many
questions about the safety and
efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines.

That's how one could describe
the UMB "Ask the Experts
About COVID-19 Vaccines"
town hall, held July 15
simultaneously in the Health
Sciences Facility Research II
Auditorium and on the virtual
platform Webex.



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.

It was the first hybrid event at UMB since faculty and staff have started a slow return to campus.

From booster shots to campus protocols, **Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, UMB president; **Matthew Laurens, MD, MPH**, pediatric infectious disease specialist who conducts research with the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD); and **Sarah Edwards, DO**, assistant professor of psychiatry, UMSOM, fielded questions from viewers watching remotely and several attendees seated in the auditorium.

Watch a replay of the event [here](#).

Contact UMB Housing at umbhousing@umaryland.edu or visit 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 questions or 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.



The UMB Pulse Podcast

What's your favorite on-campus or off-campus dining spot? "The UMB Pulse" couldn't name them all, whether it's The Nook or a neighborhood eatery. Share and tag your favorite spot and UMB on social media!

Subscribe to "The UMB Pulse" podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, Stitcher, and iHeartRadio to name a few. Or, visit umaryland.edu/pulse to listen and find links to subscribe so you won't miss the next episode July 29 featuring **Tyrone Roper, MSW**, director of the Community Engagement Center.



New Food Guidelines for Events, Meetings

Effective July 19, there are no COVID specific restrictions on how food is served at events. That means food no longer is restricted to being in prepackaged containers.

Please continue to follow [food handling safety guidelines](#) when making food and snacks available.



Face Coverings Required in Certain Areas

As part of our mission, UMB provides clinical services and performs medical research in multiple buildings on campus. In clinical areas, including patient waiting areas, face coverings are required regardless of vaccination status. The [governor's amended face coverings order](#) still requires that masks be worn when “obtaining health care services, including without limitation, in offices of physicians and dentists, hospitals, pharmacies, and laboratories.”



Take Your Leave

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been overwhelming in many aspects,” says **UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**. “One that we can’t ignore is the difficulty in creating a division between work and personal time, especially when working from home. I want UMB employees to know that it’s not only OK to take time off, but that I also expect our workforce to do so.

“UMB’s leadership understands that taking your earned time off is critically important to your mental, emotional, and physical health, and it is important for the health and safety of our entire community.”

UMB’s Human Resource Services is promoting Jarrell’s charge with a “Take Your Leave” campaign. The message: Using your leave time is good for you and aligns with the University’s efforts to foster a healthy work-life balance.

Read more about the campaign on [The Elm](#).



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

In addition to free counseling, the Employee Assistance Program offers neurofeedback.

During a neurofeedback session, saline-soaked electrodes will be placed on your head so that the frequencies of your brain can be read by the neurofeedback machine. You will hear a sound when your brain is doing the right thing. As you hear more sounds, your brain will be training itself. You don't have to do anything. Just sit and listen.

If you suffer from anxiety, your brain will learn to be calm; if you can't focus, your brain will learn to concentrate better; if you have trouble sleeping, or have chronic pain, neurofeedback can help with all of that and more.

For more information, visit umb-eap.org or call 667-214-1555.



UMB *shuttle* Resumes Service Aug. 2

The UMB *shuttle* will resume service Aug. 2 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 riding on buses or shuttles operated by UMB whether fully vaccinated or not.

Visit 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](#).



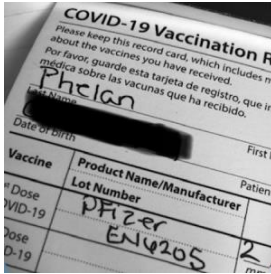
Vaccination Requirement for New Hires

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 card 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 vaccination 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 a 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](#).

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

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