



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

July 30, 2021

COVID-19 survivors and those who are fully vaccinated should not be quick to dismiss any symptoms of feeling ill during the summer and continuing into the fall. The extremely contagious Delta variant is proving that there is no true immunity to this virus.



For that reason, no matter your vaccination status, if you feel ill at all — even if it's not COVID-19 related — stay home out of an abundance of caution.

It's important to stop the spread by isolating those who are sick away from groups, co-workers, family, and friends, as well as continuing to practice good hygiene.

In his [letter](#) to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community, **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, shared that the University is taking the Delta variant seriously and urged those who are not vaccinated against the virus to do so to help thwart serious infection or hospitalization.

The Delta variant is prompting many questions about what it means to our way of life and preparedness. Hear answers about those concerns [in this video](#) featuring **Wilbur H. Chen, MD, MS**, professor of medicine at the University of Maryland School of

Medicine (UMSOM) and chief of the Adult Clinical Studies section at the Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health, UMSOM.

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The UMB Pulse: Episode 2



PPE Available at UMB

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Critical

Get to know the director of the UMB Community Engagement Center, **Tyrone Roper, MSW** (08:33), find out how the CEC has engaged with West Baltimore residents during the pandemic (11:50), learn all about the brand-new Community Engagement Center building at 16 S. Poppleton St. (26:58), and get a preview of events coming soon at the CEC (39:10).

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 your favorite podcast provider.

Coming Soon: Episode 3 on Aug. 12 featuring **Julia Wightman, MEd**, and **Jimmy Heiner** of URecFit and Wellness.

Resources and Logistics has personal protective equipment (PPE) available for UMB employees.

OEM has two types of face-covering masks, disposable gowns, some XL gloves, and a limited number of safety glass eye protection, as described below:

- Reusable cloth face masks (packages of 10)
- 3-layer disposable face masks (boxes of 50)
- Disposable gowns (cases of 150)
- Safety glasses (limited number available)
- Nitrile XL gloves (boxes of 90)

There is no charge for any of these supplies. Please enter the quantities you would like in the [PPE Distribution Order Form](#) and send an email to [Jim Chandler](#), critical resources and logistics program manager. Supplies are typically available within two to three days from the order date, dependent on quantities requested and availability of a delivery truck from the Department of Environmental Services.



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.

Students ride for free. Faculty, staff, affiliates, and postdocs have a \$1.75 fare per ride.

Please have your One Card ready to swipe prior to boarding. This will help speed up the process. Riders will need to **load their UMB One Cards** with funds either online or at a campus kiosk before boarding the shuttle. Drivers are unable to accept cash.

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.



COVID-19 Management Portal Help Email

The **[UMB COVID-19 Management Portal](#)** has a new, dedicated email address for troubleshooting.

Portal-related questions should be sent to **covidadmin@umaryland.edu**.

Vaccination exemption-related questions should be sent to **vaccineexemptionquestions@umaryland.edu**.

The COVID-19 Management Portal allows users 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.



#UMBtogether: Share Your Story

As more of us return to the 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!



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

Launch Your Life continues to offer virtual health and wellness sessions for UMB faculty and staff.

Upcoming events include Meditation Monday on Aug. 2, Fit Friday: Kickboxing on Aug. 6, and Eye Strain on Aug. 10.

Visit [this link](#) for more information about these events.

Correction: Neurofeedback that was mentioned in this space last week is no longer offered by UMB’s Employee Assistance Program.



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 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 by Aug. 31, 2021. Your license dates would be Aug. 2, 2021, to July 22, 2022.

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.

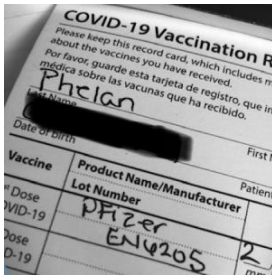


UMB COVID-19 Vaccination Protocols

Not vaccinated? Please read the COVID-19 [vaccination protocols](#) for students and employees, which discuss 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](#).



How to Replace a Lost Vaccination Card

If your COVID-19 vaccination card has been 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](#).



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 who want 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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