



## UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

**Aug. 6, 2021**

Rising COVID-19 cases, mainly attributed to the Delta variant, are prompting [additional safety measures](#) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

Effective today, UMB has revised its [Policy Requiring the Use of Face Coverings](#) to require masks to be worn indoors on UMB property by everyone regardless of vaccination status.

The policy outlined additional measures now that more employees are expected to return to campus and more services are reopening:

- Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in public indoor settings.
- Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask on UMB buses or shuttles.
- People may remove their masks when they are inside an office, laboratory, or study area, as long as they are by themselves.
- Fully vaccinated people may remove their face covering when seated in a cubicle in accordance with the face covering policy.
- Fully vaccinated lecturers have the option to remove their masks while lecturing as long as 6 feet of physical distance is between them and their audience.

- While eating or drinking indoors, unvaccinated people must physically distance. Vaccinated individuals are encouraged to physically distance when eating indoors.
- Masks are not required when people are outdoors, except for at gatherings where attendees will be in fixed seating for more than 15 minutes without 6 feet of physical distancing.
- UMB is not requiring physical distancing between individuals wearing face coverings.
- A face covering is required while exercising at URecFit and the UMB Community Engagement Center.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found below the policy on [this page](#).

As a reminder, please do not come to campus if you are feeling ill — whether or not it is COVID-19 related. If you haven't already, [please get vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 to lessen your chance of serious illness or death. All on-campus UMB students, faculty, and staff are expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, effective Aug. 16, 2021.

While visiting businesses and agencies, please also be aware that the city of Baltimore will also reinstate an [indoor mask mandate for everyone](#) effective Monday, Aug. 9.

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

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## Cubicle Mask Guidance

Employees working at cubicles have a helpful graphic and additional guidance to assist them in knowing when it is OK to remove a face covering.

People in cubicles can remove their mask if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. They are fully vaccinated;
2. The walls of their cubicle extend above the top of their head when they are seated;
3. A cubicle wall is between them and other people seated in the area;
4. No one is seated closer than 6 feet from them on



## The UMB Pulse: Episode 2

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).

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the open side of their cubicle.

View the graphic above to see an example. A larger version can be viewed [here](#).

**Unvaccinated people at cubicles must wear their face coverings.**

listen and find links to your favorite podcast provider.

**Next Episode:** Thursday, Aug. 12 featuring **Julia Wightman, MEd,** and **Jimmy Heiner** of URecFit and Wellness.



## COVID-19 Signage Toolbox

Updated face covering signage is now available on the [COVID-19 Signage Toolbox](#).

While these items cover many situations and scenarios, customizable templates also have been included so schools/departments can create specific messaging

while adhering to the Office of Communications and Public Affairs' (CPA) basic design standards.

The [CPA Covid Sign Templates](#) are available as Word documents, which may be downloaded and printed yourself.

Please do not stretch or alter the logo in any way. For more specific information on general CPA design standards, please visit the [CPA Toolbox](#).



## PPE Available at UMB

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Critical 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

The UMB *shuttle* has resumed service from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays.

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](http://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](mailto:covidadmin@umaryland.edu).

Vaccination exemption-related questions should be sent to [vaccineexemptionquestions@umaryland.edu](mailto: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!



## 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

As children prepare to return to school, it can be challenging to afford school supplies.

These [event listings through Eventbrite](#) feature Baltimore-area back-to-school initiatives providing free or discounted school supplies, and several feature fun and games to help get kids excited for the return of school.



## 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](mailto:umbhousing@umaryland.edu) or visit [umaryland.edu/housing](http://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.

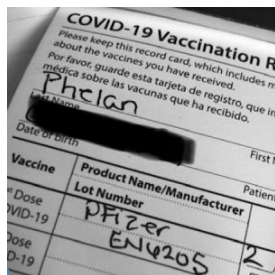


## UMB COVID-19 Vaccination Protocols

**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.

Out-of-state residents should directly contact their vaccination site or their local health department.



## 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](#).

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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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