



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Aug. 13, 2021

Welcome back to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)! For many, the fall semester has already started or is about to start in the coming days.



A UMB Together website is live, with a video recapping this past year, welcome messaging, virtual backgrounds, and an updated [UMB Together Pledge](#). Take the pledge as a good gesture to protect yourself and others at UMB.

Effective Monday, Aug. 16, all on-campus students and employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted an exemption. If you have not already provided proof or started the exemption process, please visit the [UMB COVID-19 Management Portal](#) now to start the process.

The evolving nature of COVID-19 will continue to shape the on-campus experience. More than 92 percent of on-campus UMB employees indicated they are vaccinated, and more than 89 percent on-campus UMB students have indicated they are vaccinated against COVID-19. Less than 3 percent of employees and about 2 percent of students have indicated they will remain unvaccinated.

With those numbers in mind, coupled with the serious threat of the Delta Variant, COVID-19 guidance continues to be updated. This also is an ideal time to refresh and remind yourself of the basic COVID-19 safety measures you should keep in mind by visiting the [Testing, Hygiene, and Health page](#).

Please continue to check the [UMB Recovery website](#), including the [Return to Campus page](#), [The Elm](#), and your email inbox for updated guidance. The [Mobile UMB app](#), available on the App Store and Google Play, also provides updated guidance and will send push notifications for major updates.

This week's highlights detailed below:

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SAFE on Campus Retirement

The SAFE on Campus daily symptom monitoring tool will be retired as of close of business **Sunday, Aug. 15**. SAFE on Campus served its mission: to remind our UMB community to be vigilant about symptoms that might be COVID-19 related, and to consult with our [UMB COVID-19 Hotline](#) and other resources.



URecFit on 'The UMB Pulse'

It's time to hit the gym again now that URecFit and Wellness has reopened its doors at UMB. First, get a Pulse Check on UMB guidance (4:34). URecFit director **Julia Wightman, MEd**, and associate director of operations **Jimmy Heiner** (10:03) talk about how URecFit operated during its closure and how it reopened (14:49), exercising while following the face covering policy

The need for vigilance remains, but with our high levels of cooperation with mandatory vaccination and other preventive measures, there is no longer a need to require members of our community to report their health status electronically.

There may be exceptions to the retirement of daily symptom monitoring applicable to subsets of our community — for example, by a specific school — but such exceptions will be coordinated at the school or department level, rather than centrally.

All faculty, staff, and students will be required to take a brief training module about expectations related to symptoms and health. More information about the training will be announced soon.

The UMB COVID-19 Hotline will remain as a resource and should be called in the event of a positive test, symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, or exposure concerns. The number is 1-800-701-9863 — it would be smart to add this to your contacts, so you have it if and when you need it.

Please continue to take this virus very seriously and follow all recommended measures to protect yourself, your colleagues, and your family.

(21:31), return of the swimming pool (25:14), additional safety measures (31:12), and the URecFit Live App (36:47)

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Next Episode: Thursday, Aug. 26, featuring **Angela Hall, MBA**, director of Parking and Transportation Services.



Vaccination Requirements for Clinical Sites

Q: Will clinical sites honor my UMB medical or religious COVID-19 vaccination exemption?

A: Not necessarily. Clinical sites may carry their own vaccine requirements. Some medical providers are not taking students for placement with university-approved medical or religious

vaccination exemptions.



Campus Dining Update

On-campus dining is returning with a new vendor, Chartwells.

The Market at the SMC Campus Center will reopen for grab-and-go items for its first week of operations Monday, Aug. 16. Customers can self-pay at the registers.

Starbucks at the SMC Campus Center and additional food options will open Monday, Aug. 23.

The Francis King Carey School of Law Crema Coffee location also will reopen Aug. 23. Hours and more details are coming soon for those locations and will be announced in The Elm, The Elm Weekly, and Campus Life Weekly.

If you need a caffeine fix now, the School of Dentistry Crema Coffee location opened Aug. 9 and operates 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Updated Face Covering Policy

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

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

Please read through the policy as it outlines scenarios for vaccinated and unvaccinated people to remove or maintain their face coverings.



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 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.



COVID-19 Signage Toolbox

Updated face covering signage is available in 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 Communications 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)
- Three-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 Housing Discount

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

New applicants and licensees can receive a discount 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 discount is not available for Pascault Row. Limited openings exist in Pascault Row. Contact UMB Housing to learn more.



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.



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Download the [UMB Self-Care Toolkit](#).

[Visit this page](#) to learn how to recognize what distress looks like, react in a healthy way, and know what resources are available.

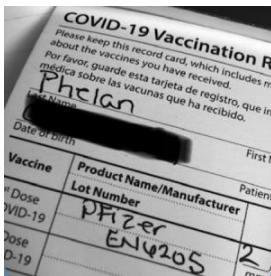


UMB COVID-19 Vaccination Protocols

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 were required 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. Please note: In many cases, you will not be re-issued a physical card, and instead will be able to print your records.

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](#).



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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