



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Aug. 27, 2021

Expanded guidance on event logistics and COVID-19 risk mitigation has been added to the food and drink guidance that was announced last week by the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

The ***UMB COVID-19 Guidance on Events, Eating, and Drinking*** highlights include:

- Events that adhere to UMB health safety requirements (informed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, University System of Maryland, local, and state guidance) can occur on or off campus without needing special approval.
- For the fall semester, indoor events up to 100 people and outdoor events up to 250 people will not need special approval. Events planned for larger attendance than those thresholds require special approval from a dean or vice president.

- Events anticipating more than 25 visitors must notify COVID-Recovery@umaryland.edu to receive additional guidance.
- UMB Student Affairs in collaboration with the schools is requiring student organizations to register their events using [UMBengaged](#), an online student engagement platform. The online event registration process will ask students to consider a variety of risks associated with holding events, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 health safety considerations.

The guidance also shares event planning logistics information, such as offering registration in case contact tracing is needed. For those details and a reminder on how to handle groups eating and drinking, read the entire document [here](#).

This week's highlights detailed below:

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Parking on 'The UMB Pulse'

Whether by car, bus, bicycle, or rail, UMB Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) helps link students, faculty, and staff to affordable, efficient, and safe solutions to get to campus.

Angela Hall, MBA, director of PTS, reviews parking options, the MDOT Maryland Transit Administration sticker program, the UMB *shuttle*, electric vehicle charging stations, automotive services, tools to remember where you parked, the bicycle commuter program, and using electric scooters on campus.



Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

A major milestone in COVID-19 vaccine development was reached Aug. 23 when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ***approved the first COVID-19 vaccine.***

The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech (Bye-ON-tech) COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The generic name is tozinameran.

The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use

Also on the show, our co-hosts talk about outdoor locations at UMB for some mask relief and the 1807 Pearl Street Gallery, and open up The UMB Pulse mailbag.

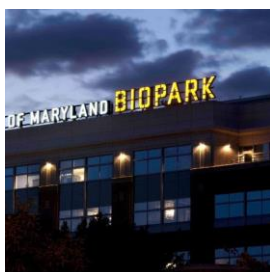
Timestamps are found in the episode description to jump to each segment.

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authorization, including for children ages 12 through 15 and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

“The safety standards were completely met, and they were reviewed rigorously not only by the FDA but also by independent panels who advise the FDA on emergency use,” **Matthew Laurens, MD, MPH**, a vaccine expert from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, said in *an interview with WUSA-TV*.



UM BioPark Vaccination and Face Mask Policies

As of now, UMB has not implemented a vaccination requirement for tenants of the University of Maryland (UM) BioPark.

The **UMB Policy Requiring the Use of Face Coverings** applies at the UM BioPark, and tenants are allowed to incorporate additional restrictions, if desired.

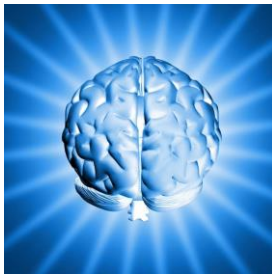


Facilities Work Order Portal

Have you returned to campus to find that lights need to be replaced in your office? There is a leak in the ceiling? Broken furniture?

Starting Sept. 14, the UMB Facilities and Operations portal used to request such work is being replaced and upgraded, helping to streamline the process for both customers and Facilities employees so that work can be completed quicker and more efficiently.

Read [this story in The Elm](#) about the change. The portal link will be shared in The Elm and the Recovery Recap when it's live.



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Staying ahead of life's challenges and managing the usual concerns of home, work, and family may start to feel overwhelming. **UMB Guidance Resources** can help with a wide range of needs.

They do all the research for you, answering your questions whether it's locating child care or providing financial assistance. Call anytime for help locating resources on virtually any topic, including:

Pet care: Insurance, veterinary services, pet-sitting referral services, online pet training resources

Home office: Ergonomic equipment, computer and technical support, top-rated sellers of desks and chairs, router and Wi-Fi optimization

Home fitness: Top-rated equipment recommendations, online apps and classes

Education: Scholarships, college life, career and personal development

Work/Academic Life Solutions: Finding nannies, child care services, elder care solutions

Legal Guidance: Divorce, adoption, family law, wills, trusts, and more. Free 30-minute consultation and a 25 percent reduction in fees for legal representation.

Financial Resources: Financial experts, budgeting, debt, bankruptcy, relocation, mortgages, insurance

UMB students and employees can access UMB Guidance Resources anytime at no cost. For more information on how to access the program, visit umaryland.edu/UMBguidanceresources.



Essential International Travel Form Update

Several updates have been implemented for the new UMB Essential International Travel Request Form for [faculty and staff planning international travel](#) since it was announced Aug. 18.

What's New?

- Faculty and staff UMB-related international travel to countries designated as U.S. State Department Advisory Level 1 and 2 requires only a supervisor's approval.^[L]^[SEP]
- Faculty and staff UMB-related international travel to U.S. State Department Advisory Level 3 (Reconsider Travel) and Advisory Level 4 (DO NOT TRAVEL) countries requires a briefing by International SOS prior to travel, approval of the appropriate dean/VP or their designee, and the final approval of the provost, in addition to the requirements for Level 1 and 2.^[L]^[SEP]

What's the Same?

UMB-related international travel must:

- Be booked using one of the three UMB-approved travel agencies.^[L]^[SEP]
- Be approved in the UMB online travel request system BEFORE travel.^[L]^[SEP]
- Include the signed and witnessed UMB Risk Acknowledgment form (witness may be anyone EXCEPT the travel administrator) as part of the DocuSign process.^[L]^[SEP]
- Abide by the above requirements and procedures. Any UMB faculty or staff traveler who does not follow these procedures may be denied reimbursement by UMB.

You can find additional information and a link to the new Essential International Travel Request Form [here](#).



COVID-19 Signage Toolbox

A new sign about properly wearing face masks 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 for UMB

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Critical Resources and Logistics has personal protective equipment (PPE) available for UMB employees.

Limitations may be placed on the amount ordered. Please use the order form below. For details, visit [this page](#).

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.



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.



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.

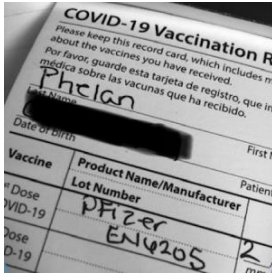
The COVID-19 Management Portal allows users to:

- 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.



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 reissued 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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