



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Sept. 3, 2021

In a [letter](#) to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community, **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, offered reminders of several initiatives designed to keep everyone safe and healthy for the fall semester.

They include:

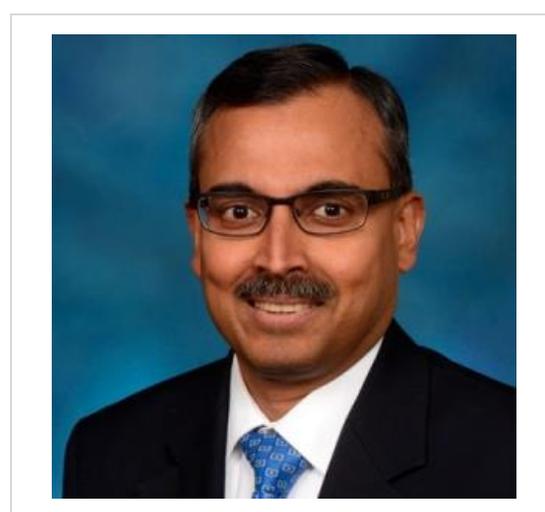
- All on-campus UMB students, faculty, and staff are [required to be fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19, with limited exemptions for medical or religious reasons.
- A return to the [face covering/mask requirement](#) that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering/mask indoors. Wearing masks significantly reduces the spread of COVID-19.
- The UMB COVID-19 Hotline (1-800-701-9863) has helped stop the spread of COVID-19 on campus throughout the pandemic — and continues to be available. Students and employees: Please call the hotline if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to the virus, or have a diagnosis of COVID-19.

- UMB is unveiling a mandatory online training module titled “COVID-19 2021 Update: Protecting Yourself and Others” for all employees and students. More information is coming soon.

On Thursday, UMB also shared its Fall 2021 Semester Recovery Framework’s guiding principles about how the institution will move forward while being supportive of the UMB community. You can read the guiding principles [here](#).

This week’s highlights detailed below:

- Parking on “The UMB Pulse”
- Pill to Treat COVID-19?
- UMB Guidance on Events, Eating, and Drinking
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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.

Next episode: Thursday, Sept. 9 featuring **Patty Alvarez, PhD**, assistant vice president of UMB Student Affairs.

Listen to all episodes at umaryland.edu/pulse. Or, subscribe to "The UMB Pulse" podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, Stitcher, and iHeartRadio to name a few.

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Pill to Treat COVID-19?

Another way to treat COVID-19 has advanced to a Phase 2/3 clinical trial.

Tempol, an oral antiviral product candidate, is being tested in adult patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection.

In preclinical studies, Tempol has been shown to have antiviral, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant activity. The trial is designed to enroll 248 patients.

Shyam Kottlil, MBBS, PhD, professor of medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) and chief of the Division of Clinical Care and Research at UMSOM's Institute of Human Virology, is principal investigator for the trial.

"The timing for this trial could not be more important as the Delta variant spreads and breakthrough infections in vaccinated individuals occur in the U.S. and worldwide," Kottlil said in a [news release](#) from Tempol's manufacturer, Adamis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. "Tempol as an oral antiviral and anti-inflammatory may be an important countermeasure if proven safe and effective in this trial."



UMB COVID-19 Guidance on Events, Eating, and Drinking

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](#).



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

After spending all this time with our family and pets, returning to the office can be stressful without the comforts of home.

If you see UMB's comfort K-9, [Officer Lexi](#), she is here to help with those anxious feelings.

A comfort K-9, sometimes called a therapy dog, is trained to provide stress relief and affection to people dealing with anxiety, depression, trauma, or

mental illness. Comfort K-9s can work in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, disaster areas, and more.

As a police comfort K-9, Lexi and her handler, Cpl. J.R. Jones, visit UMB community members and neighbors. Lexi visits students experiencing exam stress, faculty and staff who need a break, and those who are coping with tragedy or trauma, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Schedule an in-person or virtual visit with Lexi!](#)



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.



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.

- 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/vice president or their designee, and the final approval of the provost, in addition to the requirements for Level 1 and 2. ^[L]_[SEP]

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](#) (please note, this form has been updated this week) 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, depending on quantities requested and the 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.



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.

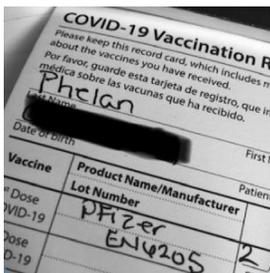
The COVID-19 Management Portal allows users to:

- 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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