



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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As the data show, vaccines are incredibly effective at preventing COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. But what happens if there is a breakthrough?

Of course, whether you are vaccinated or not, you should call the [UMB COVID-19 Hotline](tel:1-800-701-9863) at 1-800-701-9863 for guidance when you show symptoms or test positive.

The good news is that if you're vaccinated — as well as stacking other measures like mask wearing, physical distancing, and washing hands that help increase your chances for protection — breakthrough infections are less likely to occur and be severe.

In a firsthand account, a National Public Radio (NPR) reporter [shares his experience of his own breakthrough infection](#), talks to experts about what happens in these cases, and reminds us about what vaccines can and can't do against COVID-19.

"There was so much initial euphoria about how well these vaccines work," Jeff Duchin, an infectious disease physician and the public health officer for Seattle and King County (Wash.), told NPR. "I think we — in the public health community, in the medical community — facilitated the impression that these vaccines are bulletproof."

How sick can you get if you're vaccinated and have a breakthrough infection? What does a mild case of COVID-19 feel like? All of these questions are explored in [this report](#) by Will Stone.

At the end of the day, the benefits of being vaccinated are extraordinary considering the consequences of declining these effective vaccines.

This week's highlights detailed below:

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On-Campus Vaccination Rates

As of Sept. 21, 2021

**ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYEES
VACCINATED**

**ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS
VACCINATED**

95.44

%

(7,534 Total People)

98.47

%

(6,556 Total People)

Please visit the COVID-19 Dashboard on the [UMB Recovery website](#) for the latest on-campus COVID-19 vaccination rates and positive cases reported to the [UMB COVID-19 Hotline](#).

If you have any symptoms compatible with COVID-19, please call **1-800-701-9863**.



Fight the Flu

This year, getting the flu shot is more important than ever. Symptoms from influenza can be similar to COVID-19 symptoms



KN95 Mask Guidance

To increase safety on campus, UMB is moving to require or encourage the use of KN95 masks, instead of surgical or cloth face coverings, as outlined

and could lead to required quarantine and work disruptions.

UMaryland Immediate Care is providing vaccination services at the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) SMC Campus Center. Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself from the flu and prevent spreading this illness to others. Be sure to [schedule your appointment](#).

Flu shot appointments will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through November and as needed through December. All appointments are at the SMC Campus Center in Room 349.

UMB, Faculty Physicians, Inc. (FPI), and University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) campus members can schedule their appointments [here](#). Vaccination is by appointment only. No walk-ins are accepted.

Students and employees must bring their insurance card and their UMB, UMMS, or FPI ID badge.

Additionally, the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and Walgreens will offer a flu clinic by appointment only to UMB campus employees and students on Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Health Sciences and Human

below, in nonclinical settings (clinical settings maintain separate requirements).

Unvaccinated employees and students must wear a KN95 when required to wear a face covering under the [UMB Policy Requiring Use of Face Coverings](#).

At some point in the near future, KN95s will be required for fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff when participating in classroom and training activities.

KN95s are strongly recommended for fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff when participating in group activities where 6 feet of physical distance cannot be maintained or more than five people are present.

A KN95 mask is designed to reduce the amount of dust or virus a person breathes in by approximately 95 percent.

UMB will provide an initial KN95 mask to each person through each school/unit.

Information about how to care for KN95 masks can be found [here](#).

Services Library. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

More information, including co-pays and accepted insurance, can be found at umaryland.edu/flu.



Grab-and-Go Food for Indoor Events

UMB indoor events may not provide food that is intended to be eaten at the event — only grab-and-go food and beverages will be permitted. This will minimize the need to remove masks while in group settings and thereby reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 on campus.

For guidance on food at outdoor events, please e-mail [Steven Deck](#) and [Jon Kucskar](#).

For more information, please read the [UMB COVID-19 Guidance on Events, Eating, and Drinking](#).



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Launch Your Life is offering UMB faculty and staff a Zoom webinar on nutrition Friday, Oct. 8, from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

This will be an informative session on general nutrition and its effect on your daily living and how you can improve your daily habits for a more healthy and sustainable life.

Register [here](#).



Facilities Work Order Portal

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

The **UMB Facilities and Operations portal** is now live. The portal used to request such work has been upgraded, helping to streamline the process for customers and Facilities employees so that work can be completed quicker and more efficiently. Read [this story in The Elm](#) about the change.



PPE Available for UMB

The Office of Emergency Management's (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 these supplies. Please enter the quantities you would like in the **PPE Distribution Order Form** (please note, this form has been updated) 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.



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 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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