



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Oct. 1, 2021

What is a KN95? Can I wear a KF94 mask instead of a KN95 mask? Should I wear a cloth mask with my KN95?



Now that ***KN95s are required*** for fully vaccinated University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) students, faculty, and staff when participating in classroom and training activities, as well as strongly recommended when participating in group activities where 6 feet of physical distance cannot be maintained or more than five people are present, you may have questions about KN95 masks.

This ***one-stop shop for KN95 answers*** lists everything you need to know, as well as a ***video demonstrating*** how to wear and care for a KN95 mask.

UMB will provide an initial KN95 mask to each person through each school/unit. Your school/unit will provide direction on how to receive your KN95, but please feel free to provide your own. They are readily available online and in many local retailers. KN95s, while disposable, are designed to be worn multiple times safely.

UMB is supplying all employees and students with at least two KN95s that have been vetted through trusted vendors.

This week's highlights detailed below:

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On-Campus Vaccination Rates

As of Sept. 28, 2021

**ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYEES
VACCINATED**

95.51

%

(7,571 Total People)

**ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS
VACCINATED**

98.53

%

(6,559 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**.



UMMS/UMB Aligned Policies

While the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and UMB maintain separate policies, each policy has been aligned, to the extent possible.

However, due to differences in the academic and hospital settings, there are instances where these policies differ (for example, some academic travel may be permitted due to grant requirements).

In situations where UMB employees also serve in a clinical role at UMMS, they must follow UMMS' infection prevention policies, including the **UMMS Tiered Approach**.



Fight the Flu

This year, getting the flu shot is more important than ever. Symptoms from influenza can be similar to COVID-19 symptoms and could lead to required quarantine and work disruptions.

UMaryland Immediate Care is providing vaccination services at UMB's 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

In keeping with the alignment, UMB has updated its **COVID-19 Guidance on Events, Eating, and Drinking**.

Some key changes:

- UMMS- or UMB-sponsored social or community events outside of the hospital or UMB premises (e.g., sporting events, fundraising events, celebrations, etc.) must follow UMB guidelines for community events on premises, as well as applicable state and national guidelines for occupancy, masking, etc. UMMS and UMB will refrain from providing tickets to UMMS- or UMB-sponsored events for networking (e.g., sporting events, etc.). Requests for student events will be reviewed by UMB Student Affairs.

- People attending such events are subject to UMB COVID-19 exposure protocols that may include self-isolation, and not being allowed on campus if a person who attended the event tests positive.

- At this time, it is strongly recommended that UMMS and UMB refrain from hosting/sponsoring indoor events, such as those normally scheduled in celebration of the holiday season (for example, holiday parties) for 2021.

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 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.

- Up to 25 people are allowed at indoor gatherings and meetings; larger size meetings require dean or vice president (VP) designee approval.
- UMB requires approval from the dean's or VP's office to confirm the proposed facilities and safety measures are adequate for the event. Prior to the start of the fall semester, UMB reviewed its classroom facilities and safety measures to confirm they were appropriate. Thus, additional approvals to hold classes are not required at this time.



Etta Kitt Answers Your Questions

Hi there! It's Etta Kitt from the Decorum Forum. I'm here to give UMB tips and pointers on how to gracefully and politely navigate the landscape related to return to campus. Here's what's in my inbox:

Dear Etta Kitt,

I know some of my co-workers have been vaccinated because they've told me so. Etta, how do I find out the vaccination status of the rest of my co-workers?

*Signed,
Curious Colleague*

Dear Curious Colleague, also known as Nosy Body,

Please do not ask a colleague outright about this. You can be assured that over 95 percent of UMB employees are already fully vaccinated. Among those who are not vaccinated, there may be a very private medical or religious reason that is none of your business. UMB supervisors know who has and has not been vaccinated and know the necessary protocols that they must follow. Put your detective skills to use elsewhere, like finding that match to that one lone sock you pulled from your dryer.

Stay Sweet,
Etta Kitt

Do you have a question for me, Etta Kitt? Send me your return to campus questions at umaryland.edu/ettakitt. I'll answer them right here! All submissions are completely anonymous, and are between you and me and the four walls. Stay safe and be kind to everyone!



Marcozzi on MPT

David Marcozzi, MD, MHS-CL, MHS-CL, FACEP, professor of emergency medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and chief clinical officer/senior vice president, University of Maryland Medical Center, joined Maryland Public Television's (MPT) "Direct Connection" program this week to provide

an update on hospital system and state response, answer viewer questions, and give guidance on how to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

[Watch the interview here.](#)



Parts I and II with Diane Forbes Berthoud, PhD, MA

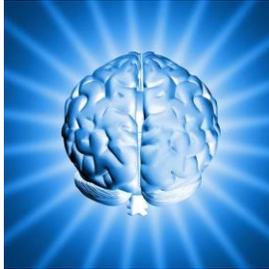
Part II of a conversation with UMB's first chief equity, diversity, and inclusion officer and vice president will be released Thursday, Oct. 7 on *The UMB Pulse* podcast.

During the second part of the conversation, **Diane Forbes Berthoud, PhD, MA**, details how universities and institutions can use data and strategic planning and other considerations to evaluate and implement strategies for equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) on campus.

The first part of the conversation is [available now](#), where you will get to know more about Forbes Berthoud's journey from growing up as a young girl with big dreams in Jamaica to professor, researcher, and EDI expert.

Also, on Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., Forbes Berthoud will be a guest on [Virtual Face to Face with President Bruce Jarrell](#), where she will take your questions. Registration information can be [found here](#).

Please subscribe to "The UMB Pulse" on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, or wherever you like to listen. Find links to your favorite provider at umaryland.edu/pulse.



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Mental Health Awareness Week, formerly Healthy Selfie Week, kicks off Oct. 4.

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) has partnered with NAMI@UMB/NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore, and URecFit and Wellness to host a series of virtual and mental health events. Please register for events ahead of time.

Check out the SCC upcoming events page for a list of all events by [clicking here](#) or find a list of events and registration links on this [NAMI webpage](#).



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](#).



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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