



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Oct. 15, 2021

October is the *ideal time* to get your flu shot, and we're halfway through the month.



Don't worry, you won't turn into a pumpkin on Halloween if you're unable to get your flu shot this month. Appointments continue to be made available through Dec. 9 at the 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. All appointments are at the SMC Campus Center in Room 349.

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

Additionally, limited afternoon appointments are still available at a special flu clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 19, offered by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and Walgreens. The clinic is open only to UMB campus employees and students. Those appointments are at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library's (HSHSL) Weise Gallery. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

This week's highlights detailed below:

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On-Campus Vaccination Rates

As of Oct. 12, 2021

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYEES
VACCINATED

95.34

%

(7,609 Total People)

ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS
VACCINATED

98.83

%

(6,588 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**.



Student Community Discussion

A UMB Student Community Discussion on Current University COVID-19 Guidelines is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., hosted by the University Student Government Association and UMB Student Affairs.

To register to watch the forum via Zoom, [click here](#).

Students are invited to ask questions and/or provide feedback to Student Affairs professionals and other experts regarding the University's COVID-19 guidelines and KN95 mask policy.

Submit questions by Friday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. via [this form](#).

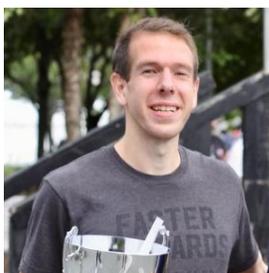


KN95 Mask Distribution

The UMB Office of Emergency Management has completed distribution of KN95 masks to schools and units. If you have not received your KN95 mask yet, students should contact their school's student affairs office, and employees should contact their supervisor.

Visit [this post](#) to know when and where [KN95s are required](#).

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.



Coronavirus Researcher Doubles as Marathon Man

When he crossed the finished line at the Baltimore Running Festival on Oct. 9, **Jeremy G. Ardanuy, PhD '20**, and his 2:26:49 time earned first place.

Oh, by the way, that time is 27 seconds faster than his first-place finish in the ***same race in 2019!***

Ardanuy happens to be a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) doing what seems like another marathon of work: coronavirus research. He earned his doctorate in molecular biology and immunology at UMB, spending time here as a postdoctoral researcher before moving over to coronavirus research two months ago.

Ardanuy's running routine and researcher life is profiled in this ***Baltimore Sun story***, which also features **Matthew B. Frieman, PhD**, associate professor and coronavirus expert at UMSOM.

“This pandemic is stressful, and we have much faster turnaround times,” Frieman told *The Sun*. “He should do whatever it takes to get him through. He should keep running.”



COVID-19 Guidance for Contractors

Guidance for contractors, subcontractors, and vendors at UMB is revised and now ***available to read***.

Two key notes:

- UMB requires contractors who provide direct service and engagement with individuals and/or public-facing functions on a routine basis to comply with the University's vaccination requirement.
- There is no vaccination requirement for contractors who primarily work with equipment, or have direct service and engagement with individuals and/or public-facing functions on an intermittent or infrequent basis. However, these individuals must still adhere to safety requirements for nonvaccinated individuals as set forth by UMB.

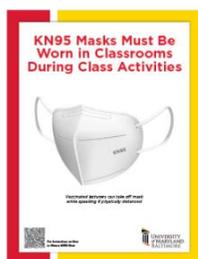


Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Put a smile on your face by taking a message from the *"Mr. Rogers" jar* at the Information Services Desk inside the HSHSL.

The jar contains encouraging, funny, and positive messages. Take a message for a dose of optimism. Not right for you? Put it back and take another!

Unable to visit in person? [Click here](#) for the virtual jar.



KN95 Mask Classroom Signage

A new sign is available for printing and ordering stating that KN95 masks are required to be worn in classrooms during classroom activities.

The sign can be found in the [COVID-19 Signage Toolbox](#). The ordering form can be [downloaded here](#).

Please visit umaryland.edu/coronavirus for more information about UMB's COVID-19 policies and recovery.

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