



## UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Oct. 22, 2021

Gov. Larry Hogan announced today that state health officials are authorizing providers in the state to make Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine booster shots available to eligible recipients, joining an earlier authorization for Pfizer-BioNTech.

Eligible Marylanders may now choose which vaccine they want for a booster, even if it is different from what they received initially.

For individuals who received a primary series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, all providers can offer a booster dose of any Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved or -authorized COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after the primary series to the following individuals:

- People 65 years and older
- Age 18-plus who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18-plus who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18-plus who work or live in high-risk settings

For individuals who received a primary series of the J&J vaccine, all providers can offer a booster dose of any FDA-approved or -

authorized COVID-19 vaccine at least two months after the primary dose to any individual 18 years and older.

Individuals may self-attest to eligibility. Providers cannot turn away any individual who self-attests to eligibility for a booster or additional dose (for immunocompromised).

On Oct. 21, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its recommendations for certain individuals who completed a primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine, recommending a one-booster dose after either six months after a primary series of Pfizer or Moderna or two months after a dose of J&J.

COVID-19 vaccines and the flu shot can be administered at the same time as well.

Those ages 12 to 17 are only eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine based on the amended Emergency Use Authorization.

The [Baltimore Convention Center](#) is offering COVID-19 vaccines, including Pfizer boosters for those eligible, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. A list of vaccination sites in Maryland can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 booster doses at the [University of Maryland Immediate Care clinic](#) will only be administered to qualifying students per current [CDC guidelines](#).

### **This week's highlights detailed below:**

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## On-Campus Vaccination Rates

As of Oct. 19, 2021

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYEES  
VACCINATED

95.83

%

(7,598 Total People)

ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS  
VACCINATED

98.86

%

(6,562 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**.

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## I 'Mustache' You A Question

Gentlemen, this year might be the year to reconsider "No-Shave November" and try that fancy mustache you've always wanted to sport. Which one fits you?

Extensive facial hair can negatively impact a proper seal for KN95 masks and respirators by lifting the mask off the face thanks to the bushy barrier.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a handy [visual guide](#) to help you avoid a facial hair faux pas.

May we suggest the Zappa? Or how about a classic Painter's Brush or even Handlebar to ride you through the winter?

They're great alternatives to bushier styles such as the Hulihee or Chin Curtain.



## Carryover Leave for 2022

UMB continues to encourage its employees to use their accrued leave that has piled up during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to UMB policy, a maximum of 400 hours (50 work days) of annual leave can be carried into a new calendar year by all regular, full-time employees. Because of the pandemic, that number was lifted to 480 hours (60 work days) under a University System of Maryland exception.

Staff members have until the final pay period of the 2022 calendar year to use any leave over 400 hours, or else it will be forfeited; faculty members have until the final pay period of the 2021 calendar year.

Please remember to take your leave to refresh and recharge. You deserve it!

You can view the complete guide [here](#).

For more, please read this [Elm post](#).



## Progress on UMB COVID-19 Cases

UMB is about halfway through the fall semester, and thanks to our community following COVID-19 safety measures, we have had a safe on-campus experience.

So far, based on calls to the [UMB COVID-19 Hotline](#), positive cases are related to transmission in the community rather than while engaged in work or school activities.

Students, faculty, and staff should be applauded for taking the appropriate precautions including wearing KN95 masks in classrooms and group settings, physically distancing, being vaccinated, and not coming to campus when feeling ill.

From Aug. 29 through Sept. 25, a total of 53 positive cases were reported to the COVID-19 Hotline. Thanks to cooperation from the callers and the diligent work of medical case managers and contact tracers at UMB, we were able to isolate those cases and those affected as much as possible.

One of the benefits of wearing a KN95 mask is that if you are exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and are considered a high-risk contact, the protection a KN95 affords removes the requirement to quarantine.

A list of [KN95 instructions and frequently asked questions](#) has been updated this week with a chart of equivalent masks that are approved to be worn at UMB when a KN95 is required under the [UMB Policy Requiring Use of Face Coverings](#).

Models predict an increase of cases during November and December, so this is not time to relax. Please continue to remain vigilant, mask up, and call the UMB COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-701-9863 if you test positive or have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and aren't sure.



## Going 'Face to Face' with Boosters

In this episode of *Virtual Face to Face with President Bruce Jarrell*, our guest from the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) will discuss COVID-19 booster vaccines and current COVID-19 research.

**Kirsten Lyke, MD**, is a professor of medicine at UMSOM and lead vaccine researcher at CVD.

Lyke will join **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, for *Virtual Face to Face* at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4. Register [here](#).



## 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.

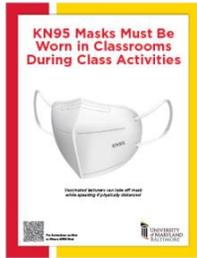


## Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

Do you crave chocolate when you're stressed? Maybe ice cream or potato chips?

Learn how to break this habit and identify common triggers and reveal strategies to help you overcome emotional eating at an Emotional Eating webinar at noon Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Register [here](#).



## 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](#).

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Please visit [umaryland.edu/coronavirus](https://umaryland.edu/coronavirus) for more information about UMB's COVID-19 policies and recovery.

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