



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Oct. 29, 2021

It might be your turn for a power-up! COVID-19 boosters are now available in Maryland, and with another new rollout there are bound to be questions.



At 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, *Virtual Face to Face with President Bruce Jarrell* will discuss COVID-19 booster vaccines and current COVID-19 research.

Kirsten Lyke, MD, lead vaccine researcher at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) and professor of medicine, will be Jarrell's guest.

Register [here](#).

COVID-19 boosters for Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson are all available, and your booster can be different from your initial vaccinations. It's OK to ***mix and match***.

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 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. 26, 2021

**ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYEES
VACCINATED**

95.80

%

(7,634 Total People)

**ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS
VACCINATED**

98.86

%

(6,563 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**.

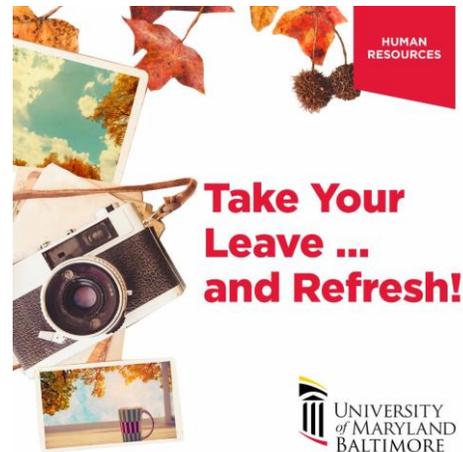


Vaccine Question Posed to POTUS

When will the vaccines for young children be ready? And how accessible will they be once released?

Those were the questions posed to President Biden by **Neijma Celestine-Donnor, MSW '09, LCSW-C**, assistant dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion at the [University of Maryland School of Social Work](#), during a CNN Presidential Town Hall on Oct. 21 in Baltimore.

Since that town hall, COVID-19 vaccines for 5- to 11-year-olds are expected to receive



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

emergency use authorization in the coming week and become available with pediatricians on the front lines to vaccinate children.

Read about Celestine-Donnor's experience being face to face with the president of the United States at the town hall [here](#).

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!

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



Return to Campus Mental Health Resource of the Week

UMB students are invited to learn how to be a highly effective leader in a special workshop led by **Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA**, provost, executive vice president, and dean of the Graduate School.

The workshop, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," teaches students how to take initiative, balance key priorities, improve interpersonal communication, leverage creative collaboration, and apply principles for achieving a balanced life.

The virtual workshop will be presented via Zoom at noon Tuesday, Nov. 2. 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.

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.

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

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

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