



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

March 19, 2021

All University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to register for and schedule COVID-19 vaccinations at a location convenient to you.

The Maryland Department of Health issued guidance that higher education institutions are prioritized in Phase 1B. As the state begins to move to Phase 2A on Tuesday, everyone in Phase 1 will be prioritized for appointments at state mass vaccination clinics, Gov. Larry Hogan announced.

(The governor also announced dates for all remaining phases, which can be found [here](#).)

You do not need to wait for an appointment at the Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center to be considered for priority — you can go to any vaccination site, pharmacy or doctor's office where the vaccine is available to register right now.

Wherever you get vaccinated, please let UMB know by submitting the information via the SAFE on Campus daily symptom monitoring form or [this form](#) if you do not use SAFE.

Read more about UMB's vaccination plan, equity efforts, and where to get a vaccine [here](#).

This week's highlights detailed below:

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Letter of Support & Call to Action

In this [letter to students](#), **Patty Alvarez, PhD, MS**, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, expresses UMB Student Affairs' support for the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities, referred to as AAPI.

Alvarez condemns the racist, biased, and hate-filled actions that have a long history of occurrence in the United States and continue to target the Asian community since the start of the pandemic.

The letter contains links to resources as well as how to take



Pediatric Vaccine Trial Begins

Clinical trials on a COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for young children will begin soon at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM).

James D. Campbell, MD, MS, professor of pediatrics, [spoke to WBAL-TV](#) and [The Baltimore Sun](#) about the process of enrolling children 6 months to 11 years old in the Baltimore area.

"We had so many families interested in having their children enrolled, we had to set up a website and get a contact list because we weren't yet recruiting," Campbell told *The Sun*. "Now we're

action to stop hate against AAPI communities.

"It is my hope that we will individually and collectively take steps to show our support of our AAPI family members, friends, colleagues, and community members through our actions," Alvarez wrote.

ready. The hope is that we will be activated at the end of this month."

Data for children 12 to 17 years old is expected to be shared by the end of the summer.



Student Volunteer Opportunities at Vaccination Sites

Students have two opportunities to volunteer at vaccination sites around the state.

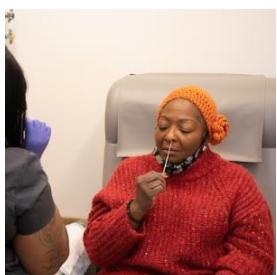
Students can volunteer at the UMB vaccination clinic at the SMC Campus Center by completing [this form](#), or join the Student Volunteer Program as part of the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps by visiting [this website](#).

Visit the [UMB Recovery website](#) for more information.



Baltimore City Loosens Restrictions

Starting at 6 a.m. Friday, March 26, outdoor dining will be allowed at 75 percent capacity and indoor dining at 50 percent capacity. Bars without a food license will also be allowed to operate at 75 percent capacity outside and 50 percent capacity inside. Stores, malls, libraries, and the National Aquarium can open at 50 percent capacity. More details can be found [here](#).



Spring Break COVID-19 Testing

Individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who plan to be on campus between March 22 and April 3 can submit proof of vaccination in lieu of submitting a new COVID-19 test result.

Read [this letter](#) for complete details of the new exemption.

If faculty, students, or staff will be on the UMB campus, a UMB-owned or -operated facility in Baltimore, or the Donaldson Brown Riverfront Event Center between March 22 and April 3, you must submit a negative COVID-19 test by April 8.

If you already were on campus at some point in 2021 but won't be on campus between March 22 and April 3, you do not need another test.

If you have not been on campus in 2021 and won't be until after April 3, you will remain subject to the earlier COVID-19 testing requirement.

Find information on COVID-19 testing locations [here](#).



Updated Electronic Signature

Download this graphic to help share the word about steps to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The updated graphic encourages people to get the COVID-19 vaccine and has updated physical distancing language.

For instructions on downloading and adding as an email signature to Outlook, click [here](#).



Why Tyrone Parker Got the Vaccine

Tyrone Parker, who teaches audio text foreign languages, recently received the COVID-19 vaccine so that he can return to the classroom, travel, and advocate for helping more African Americans get vaccinated.

"I wanted the vaccine for a number of reasons. No. 1, I am an educator, so I will be around students who are not going to get the vaccine. No. 2, I want to be immunized to continue my life again and go back to Europe like I usually do, and I want to be safe. The third reason is that I wanted to show that as an African American that it's safe."

Over the next few months, UMB will be highlighting members of the community and their vaccination experience.

Share your experience getting vaccinated by tagging [@umbaltimore](#) and using #UMBVaccinesWork on Twitter or Instagram. Include an explanation of why you got the vaccine. You also can submit photos and comments about your vaccine experience by clicking [here](#).



Register for Vaccines Through UMB Clinic

Registration is still available for COVID-19 vaccine doses through UMB thanks to the University of Maryland Medical System. This is only open to UMB faculty, staff, and students.

Employees and students should fill out the [UMB Vaccine Prioritization Form](#), and will be randomly selected in accordance to Maryland's priority criteria, and will receive an email on how to schedule a vaccination at the SMC Campus Center.

UMB cannot guarantee that anyone at UMB will be vaccinated by virtue of completing this form.

If you have been vaccinated, please let UMB know by sharing your dose information via the SAFE on Campus daily survey or the [UMB Vaccine Tracking Form](#).



UMB Housing Options Available for Summer, Fall

UMB students can start planning now for on-campus housing options for the summer and fall.

UMB Housing is a convenient and safe option as on-campus activity and density will gradually increase beginning June 1. [Fayette Square](#) and [Pascault Row](#) provide affordable apartments with multiple layouts (i.e., efficiencies, one-, two-, three-, four-, and seven-bedroom apartments) with many amenities and conveniences. Students do not pay a deposit or an application fee. Learn about the flexible options, view virtual tours, and more at www.umaryland.edu/housing.

Read more about the housing update [here](#).



On-Campus COVID Testing Clinic Appointments

March appointments are now loaded into the COVID Testing Clinic [scheduling application](#).

However, the best option for faculty, staff, and students wanting to schedule an appointment for an on-campus COVID-19 diagnostic test or flu shot is to call [UMaryland Immediate Care](#) directly at 667-214-1899.

The location of the test will depend on UMaryland Immediate Care's scheduling — either at the SMC Campus Center or the urgent care clinic at 408 W. Lombard St. Double-check your appointment online or call to confirm your testing location.

Additionally, the Baltimore Convention Center has a wider availability of appointments for testing and is steps away from campus. Convention Center appointments 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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