



UMB RECOVERY TASK FORCE

March 12, 2021

While some restrictions on dining, retail, and travel will be lifted across the state today, not all will take effect in Baltimore City.

City officials announced this week that indoor dining capacity will remain at 25 percent and outdoor dining at 50 percent.

Gov. Larry Hogan [announced](#) several important updates to the state of Maryland's COVID-19 response. These changes will be effective today at 5 p.m.

Included in this announcement:

- All capacity limits will be lifted on outdoor and indoor dining for seated and socially distant dining service.
- All capacity limits will be lifted on retail businesses, religious facilities, fitness centers, and recreational facilities. Larger recreational and entertainment venues may operate at 50 percent capacity.
- Maryland's statewide masking order remains in full effect, and Marylanders should continue to practice social distancing and other safety measures.
- Travel restrictions will be lifted, and quarantine will no longer be required following out-of-state travel. Marylanders are strongly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 upon their return.

View the [**Additional UMB Travel Guidance**](#) to help guide your travel plans and to help keep you and your families safe. UMB continues to strongly advise people to refrain from non-essential travel.

This week's highlights detailed below:

- Family Greetings from the Clinic
- Reflections on a Year with COVID
- Pop-Up Food Pantry on Saturday
- Spring Break COVID-19 Testing Update
- Updated International Travel Guidelines for Students
- COVID-19 Spring Forecast
- Getting the Vaccine for Family and First Responders
- 'Should I Get the Shot?' Watch the Replay
- Register for Vaccines Through UMB Clinic
- UMB Housing Options for Summer, Fall
- On-Campus COVID Testing Appointments
- Let UMB Know You've Been Vaccinated



Family Greetings from the Clinic

Volunteering as greeters at the Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center COVID-19 vaccination clinic has been a family affair for Paresh Dave; his wife, Amisha Dave; and their brother-in-law, Jayesh Goswami. The trio all have been volunteering multiple days even as they work busy schedules as technicians at the University of Maryland Medical Center.



Reflections on a Year with COVID

In a letter to the UMB community, **President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, reflected on one year of the pandemic, and what it has meant at UMB.

"UMB has and continues to play an indelible role in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you are as proud as I am to be part of this community. I am grateful for the sacrifices you each have made,

“The main focus to us is to try to help the community during this pandemic,” Goswami said. “We always talk and try to make people more comfortable so we can help them.”

Read the rest of their story on [The Elm.](#)

large and small, to keep yourselves and our community healthy and safe.”

Read the entire message [here](#).



Pop-Up Food Pantry on Saturday

A [Pop-Up Pantry](#) will be available for UMB students, employees, and community members from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at the SMC Campus Center Loading Dock, 620 W. Pratt St.

The Pop-Up Pantry is designed for students, employees, and community members to pick up food products while quantities last. This event is hosted in an effort to combat food and basic needs insecurities. Individuals or groups will receive a 30-pound box of nonperishable food.

Students, employees, and community members are encouraged to pick up items via car. Those without access to a car are encouraged to bring a cart. Bags will be available upon request.



Spring Break COVID-19 Testing Update

Individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who plan to be on campus anytime 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.



Updated International Travel Guidelines for Students

UMB-related international travel for students (e.g. international rotations, courses, externships, research fieldwork for credit or not for credit) are allowed only in exceptional circumstances through Dec. 31, 2021. Deans (or their previously identified designees) have the authority to approve international travel for UMB students in exceptional circumstances, e.g., research that must take place overseas or for a degree or program requirement, in consultation with the provost. This policy is subject to change depending on changing circumstances.

Read this [FAQ](#) for more information.



COVID-19 Spring Forecast

March has roared in like a lion as it pertains to COVID-19 news, and **Wilbur Chen, MD, FACP**, is here to provide an almanac for what's ahead.

"I don't expect us to be out of the woods by March, April especially because we're having difficulty deploying these vaccines to the entire population in a short amount of time,"

Chen said.

[Watch](#) the rest of the short video from the Academy of Lifelong Learning.



Getting the Vaccine for Family and First Responders

Carin Morrell, MA, public information officer for the UMB Police Department and Office of Emergency Management, got the COVID-19 vaccine to protect her sister, parents, and coworkers.

"I got this vaccine for my sister as she nears her due date for my new baby niece and nephew," she began.

Read the rest of her story on [The Elm](#).

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](#).



'Should I Get the Shot?' Watch the Replay

A panel of UMB medical experts answered a wide range of questions about COVID-19 vaccines during "Should I Get the Shot? A Community Conversation" on Wednesday, March 10.

Does a holistic diet mean that I don't need the shot?

What does mRNA do? Is the vaccine safe for breastfeeding mothers?

Answers to those questions are more can be viewed in the event replay. [Watch 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.

If you previously completed this form (or an earlier version of it), please consider completing it again as your eligibility might have changed.

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](#).



Let UMB Know You've Been Vaccinated

UMB needs the help of its community to track what proportion of our population has received a COVID-19 vaccination, whether on campus or elsewhere. This will help manage risk to our community and the need for ongoing preventive measures to control the pandemic, including limiting access to campus. UMB is encouraging but not requiring faculty, students, and staff to be vaccinated against

COVID-19 at this time.

Please use the daily SAFE on Campus symptom monitoring form. If you don't use SAFE on Campus, please click [here](#).

Note that while we only need you to tell us once about each dose of vaccine, you also can use either of these forms to report side effects that may develop in the following days.

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

Follow UMB:



Office of Communications and Public Affairs
620 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)