FAQ

What is the protocol when I have symptoms of Covid-19?

Please do not come to school when you are sick. You should call the Covid Hotline (1-800-701-9863). You may be advised to stay home and seek a Covid test. Symptoms for the Delta Variant are often the same symptoms as the common cold. Even if you test negative for Covid please stay home if you are having significant upper respiratory illness symptoms. It is in everyone’s interest to avoid the spread of colds and flu as much as possible.

Where can I go to get a Covid test?

If you are experiencing Covid symptoms you can call Student Health to schedule a symptomatic evaluation (667-214-1899). The Baltimore Convention Center is a convenient testing location with relatively rapid turnaround times for results. Tests are offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. [https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/fighting-covid/expanded-clinical-locations/baltimore-convention-center/testing](https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/fighting-covid/expanded-clinical-locations/baltimore-convention-center/testing).

If I am sure I only have a cold, why do I need to call the Hotline?

Again, it is best to be sure. In addition, Dean Gontrum keeps copies of the emails the nurse case managers send confirming their recommendations. Faculty members can check with Dean Gontrum if they have any questions about student absences.

If I am staying home for a cold or due to a Covid exposure, I would like to attend class in real time via Zoom. Can I do that?

Setting up all classes in hybrid formats so that students could make last minute decisions to stay home would require a substantial change to the technical and pedagogical delivery of our classes. While it sounds as if it would be easy to do, it is extremely complicated both technically and from a teaching perspective. Hybrid classes alter the class format from in-person to virtual and implicate ABA distance education rules. Hybrid classes are the most difficult format for the instructor and affect the learning experience for students in the classroom as well as those online.

Our faculty support your need to stay home if you are not well or are advised to self-isolate. If you have any concerns about a particular faculty member or class, don’t hesitate to contact Dean Gontrum or Dean Eisenberg to discuss your situation.

When are KN95 masks required?

UMB policy requires all students to wear KN95 masks in all classrooms and training activities. KN95 masks are strongly encouraged in situations in which six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained or where more than five people are present.
Why are KN95 masks required?

While numbers of positive cases at UMB remain at very low levels, UMB has determined that KN95 masks will add an additional layer of protection. The law school is strongly committed to providing in-person education and supports any measures that will help us continue to do so.

The KN95 masks provided by the school do not fit. Can I continue to wear my cloth mask?

UMB requires KN95 masks or their equivalent. KF94 masks are also approved. Cloth masks and surgical masks are no longer permissible in classroom settings. The concern we have heard most frequently is that the distributed masks are too large. In response, the law school placed an order of smaller masks. We received a partial shipment today and we’ll have more soon. They are available in Dean Gontrum’s office (Room 270E).

It is difficult to hear other students when they are speaking with masks. Is there something that can be done about this?

Please let your faculty know if this is a problem in your class. The professor can repeat the questions or comments, or make other adjustments if needed, such as using microphones in the classroom.

Now that the weather will be getting colder, where can we eat inside and be socially distant?

Westminster Hall is now available as a lunch space between the hours of 11 and 2.

Will there be another Covid pass/fail option this year?

No, there is no COVID credit/no credit option this year. As is always the case, students who are concerned about academic performance or need assistance should not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Affairs.