

The Latest



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Shots at the Shop: Partnering With Barbers and Stylists To Help Keep Communities of Color Safe Against COVID-19

A new White House-backed initiative from the University of Maryland's Maryland Center for Health Equity, the Black Coalition Against COVID and SheaMoisture will engage 1,000 Black-owned barbershop and hair salons nationwide to promote informed decision-making as a means to increase COVID-19 vaccinations.



Celebrate Pride, Support LGBTQ+ Mental Health

Learn more about our CDC-funded Prevention Research Center which works all year round to advance the well-being of the LGBTQ+ community through research, service and training around issues of mental health and the creation of LGBTQ+ cultural competence training programs for behavioral health organizations.



SPH Community Reflections on Juneteenth

Our faculty, staff and students share their reflections on what Juneteenth means to them, resources to celebrate or learn more about Black history/culture and tools for understanding and taking action to address systemic racism.



RESEARCH

Social Distancing Works

Two recent publications by the COVID-19 Analytic Research Group, led by Professor Hongjie Liu, provide important evidence that social distancing works to limit disease spread, when people adhere to the guidance.



RESEARCH

Listening to the Voices of Sub-Saharan African Children During COVID-19

Research led by Dina Borzekowski examines the experiences of sub-Saharan African children from Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Tanzania during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



OPINION

Pandemics and Protests: America Has Experienced Racism Like This Before

Jennifer Roberts sheds light on how the social unrest spurred by racial injustice during the first summer of the COVID-19 pandemic is reminiscent of the events of the "Red Summer of 1919," which occurred on the heels of the 1918 influenza outbreak and offers solutions to prevent history from repeating itself in the decades ahead in this *Brookings* opinion piece.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION



New Gift Bolsters Award for Doctoral Students Working to Advance Health Literacy

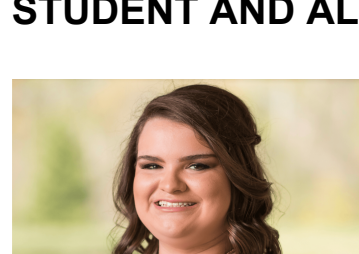
A new gift from Alice Munkhoff Horowitz PhD '92 will ensure that the Rima E. Rudd Dissertation Research Award in Health Literacy can continue to support the next generation of researchers who advance the science of health literacy.



Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy Fund

Your financial support for the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy provides for general operating expenses and allows us to better inform, educate, research and advocate about the importance of clearly communicating about health.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



Student Profile: Taylor Palmer '21, Behavioral and Community Health

Palmer, an undergraduate student in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health is passionate about community engagement, social justice and racial injustice. Among her accomplishments, she interns with the PATIENTS Program, moderated the 2021 Social Justice Alliance Spring Symposium and will start the MPH in Behavioral and Community Health at the SPH in the fall.

Veeraj Shah '21 Recognized as a University Medal Finalist

Sara Hatfield '21 Named One of Forty Recipients of the 2021 Do Good Medallion

Erika Pritchard '21 Selected to the 2020-21 All-Big Ten First Team

Jameson Roth '17 Honored as Part of UMD Terrapin Club's 30 Under 30 Class of 2021

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

David Andrews Recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Mentor by the Graduate School

Sacoby Wilson Appointed to Aclima's Advisory Board

SPH IN THE NEWS

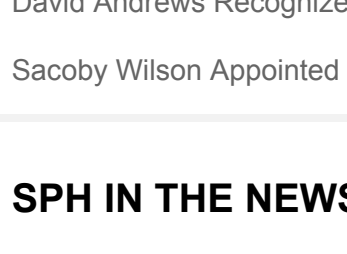
Washington Region Very Close to Meeting Biden's July 4 Vaccination Goal — [Washington Post](#)

Health Officials Turn to Black-Owned Barber Shops and Hair Salons as Possible Covid-19 Vaccination Sites — [CNN Health](#)

Black Residents now Account for More Than 8 in 10 D.C. Coronavirus Cases — [Washington Post](#)

As Vaccination Rates Increase, Cases and Other Metrics Keep Dropping in D.C. Area — [Washington Post](#)

HAPPY AND WELL

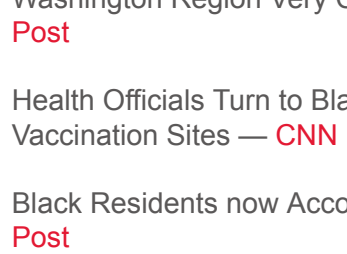


The Well Terp

This week's tips include information on healthy eating and drinking water.

Find tips for healthy and happy living in our weekly feature, The Well Terp.

[Read The Well Terp](#)



Some Good News: Transforming a Yard Into An Edible Landscape and Food Forest

Sacoby Wilson, an associate professor in the Maryland Institute of Applied Environmental Health (EPIB), is transforming his academic knowledge and social justice work into his own backyard. Read more on what Sacoby has done to provide the food needs for his family and what he has planned to fully utilize the entire yard in ways that intersect with food justice; food, energy and water nexus; food and land as culture; food sovereignty and more.

[Read Some Good News](#)

Our Happiness & Wellness Initiative shares "Some Good News" from the SPH and our extended community, inspired by SGN: Some Good News with John Krasinski. You can submit your own good news by email to: happyandwell@umd.edu.

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SPH AFFILIATED SUMMER CAMPS

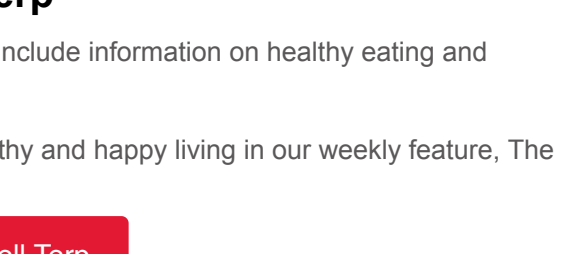


IN-PERSON

Gymkana Summer Camp

Registration for the 2021 Gymkana Summer Camp is now open for in-person activities with COVID-19 safety modifications. This camp allows children to learn and participate in gymnastics regardless of experience level and without the pressure of competition.

[Learn more and register for Gymkana Camp 2021.](#)



VIRTUAL

Data Detectives Camp

Registration for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Data Detectives Camp is now open! This virtual 1-week, 2-hour-a-day camp (August 2-6) is an exciting opportunity for boys and girls to learn about the basics of statistics through a variety of fun, hands-on activities.

[Learn more and apply for Data Detectives Camp by June 30.](#)

EVENTS

7th Annual UMD Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Symposium

Thursday, August 19 — Saturday August 21 | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm EST



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