

The Latest



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PUBLIC HEALTH



School of Public Health Exceeds Goals for \$1.5 Billion UMD Fearless Ideas Campaign

The SPH surpassed its fundraising goal for *Fearless Ideas: The Campaign for Maryland*. The school's record \$26.3 million raised reflects a 188% increase from our original goal of \$14 million. This success parallels a period of rapid growth and momentum for the school.



Rethinking Infection Control

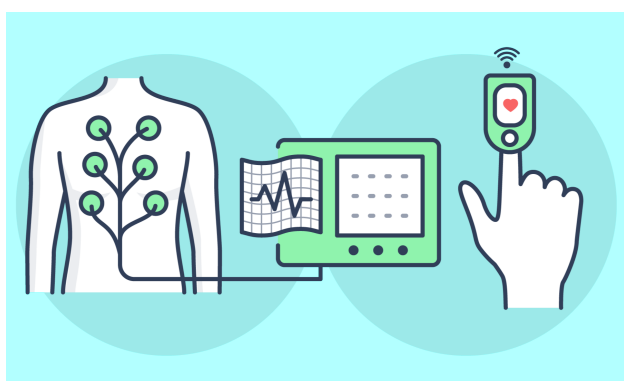
New review in *Annals of Internal Medicine* finds health care facility policies to prevent respiratory virus transmission are outdated.

Experts from Harvard Medical School, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Institute, and the University of Maryland School of Public Health urge new policies that reflect that respiratory viruses are primarily transmitted by aerosols.



\$3.7M NIH Grant Supports Development of Chatbot to Support New Moms, Babies

Quynh Nguyen (principal investigator) and Elizabeth Aparicio (co-principal investigator) will develop a chatbot named Rosie to help reduce post-partum depression among new moms and improve infant health.



Research Team Taps AI for Better Cardio Care

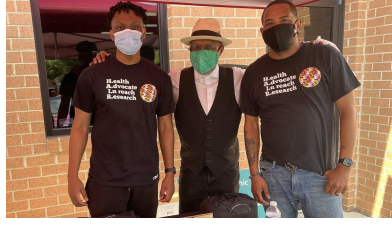
Sushant Ranadive and UMD colleague Min Wu are using artificial intelligence in a project to boost the reliability of data from a low-cost, user friendly method to monitor for heart disease home to equal that of the less-accessible clinical gold standard.



Social Justice in Action

New publication by Family Science faculty urges colleagues to commit to activism in support of equity and justice and to use science to create a more just society for all families.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



MdPHA Awards Stephen Thomas for COVID Vaccination Campaign

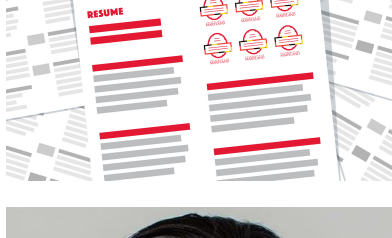
Professor Stephen Thomas, director of the Center for Health Equity, is being recognized for his "Shots at the Shop" COVID-19 vaccine initiative at the Maryland Public Health Association's annual meeting.



Cheryl Knott Appointed Editor-in-Chief of Translational Behavioral Medicine

Cheryl Knott will bring her deep expertise developing behavioral intervention programs to prevent cancer to her new role as editor-in-chief of the journal *Translational Behavioral Medicine*.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



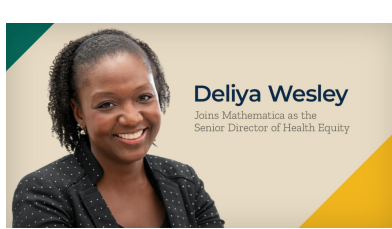
A 'Badge' of Honor

The SPH professional preparation program, known as STEP, launches a digital certificate as the first in a UMD effort to provide students with a credential they can put on their LinkedIn profile to highlight specific accomplishments to employers.



Julia Chen-Sankey PhD '18 Joins Rutgers SPH and Center for Tobacco Studies

Julia Chen-Sankey, PhD '18, recently landed her first faculty position as an assistant professor at Rutgers School of Public Health. She also joins the Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies.



Deliya Wesley PhD '11 Takes on New Role as Senior Director of Health Equity at Mathematica

Deliya Banda Wesley, PhD '11, was appointed to the newly created position of senior director of health equity at Mathematica. The company works with health care stakeholders in the public and private sectors to adapt health information technologies to better address the needs of underserved communities.



In Memoriam: Ayne Furman '77

Kinesiology alumna and friend of the School of Public Health Ayne Furman died in September after a battle with cancer. Her legacy includes a pioneering career in podiatry and passionate support for UMD.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION



Gymkana Flip-A-Thon 2021

Your tax-exempt contribution to Gymkana's Flip-A-Thon 2021 Launch Campaign will help Gymkana advance its mission to advocate healthy choices to our youth audiences through unique acrobatic performances.

SPH IN THE NEWS

Opinion: The University of Maryland Rightly Paused its Plan to Clear an Urban Forest
The Washington Post | November 5, 2021

Backlash Over US Police Vaccine Mandates Has Not Fueled Crime Surge, Experts Say
The Guardian | November 2, 2021

Montgomery County Will Phase Out Mask Mandate Once 85% of Population is Fully Vaccinated
DCist | November 2, 2021

Black and Latinx People Care More About Climate Change Than White People: Poll
Vice | October 26, 2021

Montgomery County on Track to Lift its Indoor Mask Mandate
The Washington Post | October 25, 2021

Coronavirus Rates Decline in the DMV, But Flu Season Poses New Threat
The Washington Post | October 18, 2021

EVENTS

UMD Alumni Association Webinar | Covid-19: Where Are We Now?

Monday, November 15 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EST

2021 UMD-PRC Seminar Series | using Research to Promote School Safety for LGBTQ Youth: The Stories and Numbers Project

Tuesday, November 16 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

This is Public Health Virtual Fair

Wednesday, November 17 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EST

Gymkana Flip-A-Thon 2021

Sunday, November 21 | 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm EST

Graduate Admission Info Session

Tuesday, November 30 | 12:00 pm EST

SPH Alumni Network Webinar : Indie Lee Winter Facial Masterclass

Wednesday, December 8 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm EST

Earl Dotter Exhibit and Occupational Health Talk

Friday, December 10 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST

HAPPY AND WELL



The Well Terp

This week's tips include information on setting intentions, getting more exercise and practicing gratitude.

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

[Read The Well Terp](#)



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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