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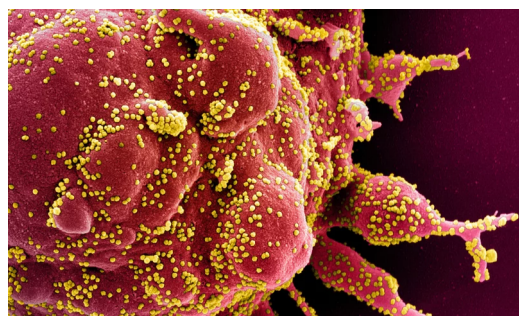
Kinesiology Welcomes New Department Chair

Michael Brown PhD '95 brings expertise in exercise physiology, health disparities and a strong commitment to the University of Maryland.



Extreme Heat and Air Pollution Increase Risk of Death for Kidney Disease Patients

A new study from researchers including Richard Remigio, PhD '21, Amy Rebecca Sapkota and Amir Sapkota reveals that extreme heat events and elevated daily ozone levels can increase rates of death among dialysis patients.



NPR | Omicron is Spreading at Lightning Speed, Scientists Are Trying to Figure Out Why

Don Milton's latest study of those infected with the omicron variant is cited. It suggests that omicron's rapid spread could hinge on there being more vaccinated people who are contagious and shedding virus, not necessarily that each infected individual is releasing a lot more virus into the air. "...what's striking is that I was expecting to see the amounts be much higher, and they are not," he said.



The Washington Post | Vaccine Gap Between Black and White Americans Narrowed, But it's Back for Booster Shots

Neil J. Sehgal comments on the gap in booster rates between Black and White Americans. The story also features Omar Neal, the former mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama and Katrina Randolph, both part of the SPH's **Shots at the Shop** initiative.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



UMD Global STEWARDS Welcomes 2022 Cohort

The UMD Global STEWARDS Graduate Training Program, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), welcomed its fourth cohort of doctoral students who are working on creating innovative and sustainable solutions for food, energy and water security.



Andrew Anderson PhD '19 Named *Health Affairs* Health Equity Fellowship Trainee

Dr. Anderson is a health services researcher and assistant professor at the Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine. As part of the Health Affairs training program, Dr. Anderson and other early career health equity researchers will receive multi-layered mentorship to advance his career.



Congratulations to Our Winter 2021 Graduates!

On Tuesday, December 21 Dean Boris Lushniak, commencement speaker Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell, student speaker Ikechuwkwu O. Ekwunife '21 (Kinesiology) and the larger SPH community gathered virtually to recognize our amazing SPH graduates.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION



Pappas Family Establishes Maryland Promise Scholarship to Help Kinesiology Undergraduates Access Higher Education

Established with a \$125,000 gift by Greg and Kimberly in honor of their daughter, the Emily Pappas '22 Family Maryland Promise Scholarship will support undergraduate kinesiology students at the School of Public Health.



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As the coronavirus pandemic evolves, UMD SPH experts are at the forefront of the conversation, helping to correct misinformation, share the latest research on Covid-19 transmission and teach the public how to stay safe. Your philanthropic support helps us fund student research opportunities, train future public health leaders and serve communities in our region and around the globe.

SPH IN THE NEWS

How Do I Know if I Have a Cold, the Flu Or COVID-19?
ABC News | January 7, 2022

D.C. Had one of the Lowest Rates of Coronavirus Cases in the Country. That has Changed.
The Washington Post | December 30, 2021

Infectious Omicron Drives More Americans to Up Mask Game to N95s
Bloomberg | December 29, 2021

The U.S. Record for Daily Cases Is Broken as an Omicron 'Tidal Wave' Grows
The New York Times | December 28, 2021

EVENTS

Accelerated BS+MPH Program Information Sessions

Tuesday, January 11 Through Wednesday, February 2 | 1:00 pm EST

U21 Health Research Exchange

Wednesday, January 12 | 4:00 pm EST

Delta Omega Webinar | Making a Difference: Applying Community Health

Wednesday, February 3 | 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm EST

Spring 2022 SPH Involvement Fair

Tuesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 9 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

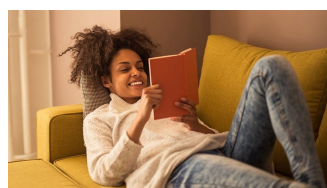
ORISE Information Session: Research Opportunities with the FDA

Tuesday, February 15 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

Delta Omega Webinar | Health Equity: Practice, Policy and Research

Tuesday, March 8 | 11:00 pm - 11:30 pm EST

HAPPY AND WELL



The Well Terp

This week's tips include information on trying something new, mental health first aid and cervical health.

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

[Read The Well Terp](#)



Some Good News | Affirmations in Practice

Ben Prescott '08, assistant director for Gymkana and SPH interim facilities manager, and wife Angie Prescott '06, assistant coach for Gymkana, prioritize self care and positive thinking in their parenting and everyday activities. Read more to learn how Ben and Angie have developed daily affirmations and actions to support a positive mindset.

[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.

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