Dean Boris Lushniak on Why Public Health Matters

Dean Boris Lushniak shares his thoughts for the de Beaumont Foundation’s #whypublichealthmatters campaign.

The Latest SPH Research

Maryland Today: Seed Grants to Grow UMD Research Projects on COVID-19

Professor Donald Milton and Assistant Professor Jessica Fish are both part of the teams that received Coronavirus Research Seed Fund awards from the UMD Division of Research. Milton, in partnership with Matthew Frieman from the University of Maryland Baltimore, is studying COVID-19 Exhaled Breath Aerosols and Transmission Risk. Fish will partner with Long Doan and Liana Sayer, in the UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, on the study, Assessing the Social Consequences of COVID-19.

SPH Faculty in the News

Science: How Can We Save Black and Brown Lives During a Pandemic? Data From Past Studies Can Point the Way

Sandra Quinn, chair of the Department of Family Science, explains how minorities have less access to health care and how constant “weathering” from discrimination batters their health.


Stephen Thomas, director of the Center for Health Equity, explains that crucial COVID-19 data is missing for racial and ethnic minorities.

Stories From the Front Lines

Sara Sisselman (MHA ’17) Helps Navigate COVID-19 for Virginia Health Center

Sara is using the skills she learned in the Masters in Health Administration program each day as she navigates the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic for primary care offices and urgent care.

Thank you to SPH alumni and friends for sending us updates about your COVID-19 volunteer activities. We are documenting your important work, and welcome additional stories.

Please email us at sph-comm@umd.edu with the subject “COVID-19 Story” if you have a story to share.

Staying Healthy and Connected

Maryland Today: Standing Up to Stay-at-Home Stress

Faculty and graduate student experts in the Department of Family Science have partnered with the Prince George’s County Health Department to provide families with guidelines on dealing with stress and changing family dynamics.

Facebook Live Chat Today at Noon with Special Guest, Veeraj Shah, President of Public Health Without Borders

In a new #ShellsUnited video, President Loh encourages Terps to support each other through the pandemic. He highlights how UMD students, faculty and staff are helping in the fight against COVID-19, including our own public health experts who are shaping national and local responses to this threat.