Responding to COVID-19

Greetings UMD School of Public Health community,

So much has changed in the past month since we hosted a public health symposium (Feb. 20) for the university community on the novel coronavirus outbreak. I want to share some updates about the work of our School of Public Health related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but most importantly, I want to let you know that wherever you are, I hope that this note finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

I want to thank all of our students, faculty and staff for adjusting to the challenges of this rapidly evolving and uncertain time and for rising to the moment as members of a community dedicated to promoting, protecting and prolonging health. Acting from a deep recognition of our interconnectedness as a community and planet, and from our scientific understanding of how to protect public health has never been more important. Read Dean Lushniak’s full message.

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KEEP UP WITH OUR COVID-19 NEWS

SPH faculty experts have been interviewed by CNN, New York Times, Washington Post, ViceNews, Popular Science and many more.

Visit sph.umd.edu/covid19news for the latest.

CNN: Amanpour Interviews Dean Boris Lushniak
Dean Boris Lushniak, a former Deputy US Surgeon General, talks with Christiane Amanpour about the full blown COVID-19 pandemic and the confusion created by President Trump’s communication.

Medical Care Blog: Local Health Departments Key to Stopping Spread of COVID-19
Associate Professor Jie Chen and Lecturer Priscilla Novak discuss the vital role of local health departments in responding to COVID-19, and call for their increased support.

Advice for Parents of Young Kids and Teens During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Dina Borzekowski, a research professor of behavioral and community health, offers advice to parents of children and teens struggling with a new reality affected by COVID-19.

The Well Terp
Find tips on how to stay healthy and connected with our weekly feature, "The Well Terp."

Students with Public Health Without Borders demonstrate how to properly wash hands.

IN OTHER NEWS

Maryland Passes Bill to Ban Chlorpyrifos Pesticide
The Maryland General Assembly passed a bill to ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos thanks in part to the expert testimony of assistant professor of applied environmental health, Devon Payne-Sturges.

Study Finds Rental Assistance Programs Could Reduce ER Visits for Children with Asthma
Federal rental assistance programs can help children with asthma avoid the ER according to a study from Michel Boudreaux, assistant professor of health policy and management, and Natalie Slopen, assistant professor of epidemiology and biostatistics and colleagues.

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