

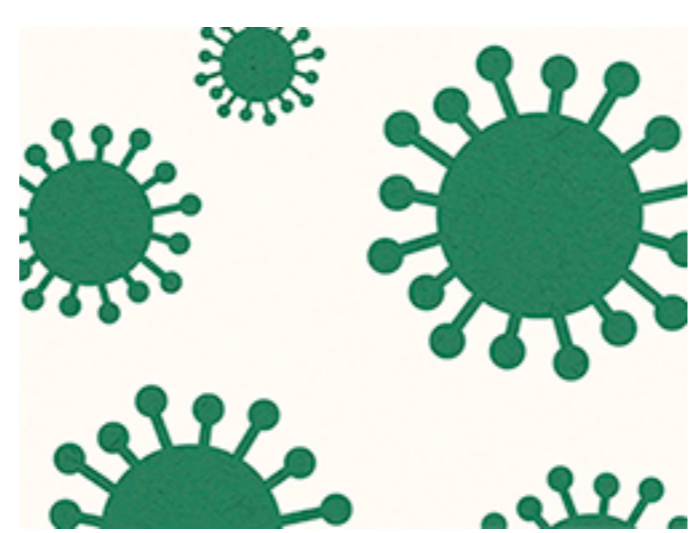
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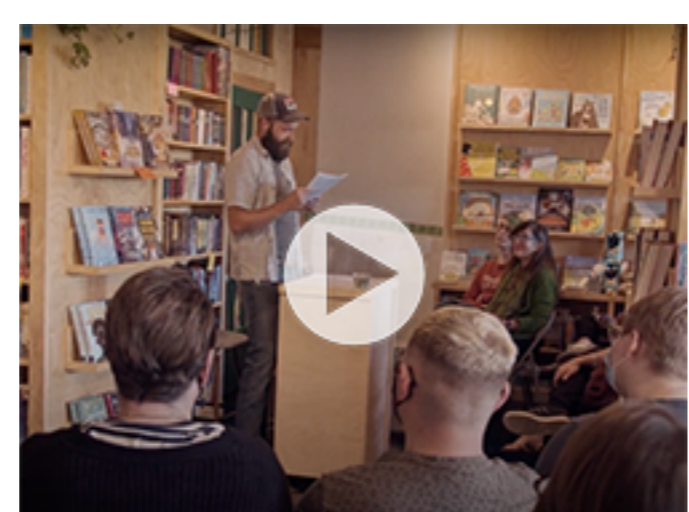
UAB and UAB Medicine are proud of the unique roles we played during the World Games 2022. As the home to more than 4,500 competitors and staff in our Athletes' Village, and as the Official Medical Provider to teams and spectators via our onsite medical services, we were key Foundation Partners during this once-in-a-lifetime event that brought the world to Birmingham and to our campus.

Watch this video to see behind-the-scenes photos



UAB experts on what you need to know about monkeypox

While the total number of cases across the country remains low — around 1,500 cases as of mid-July — physicians from the Division of Infectious Diseases say there are steps you can take to protect yourself and limit the spread of the virus.



Writing, sharing, listening, learning: A spotlight on creative writing at UAB

In UAB's creative writing courses, graduate students have an opportunity to hone their voices as both writers and storytellers — and develop skills applicable to a variety of different professions. Learn more about the program in this video.

Campus COVID refresher

Public health and infectious disease experts continue to support a mask-optional policy as cases in the UAB community remain steady despite Jefferson County's ORANGE (high community level) CDC classification.

- Experts remain optimistic about safety on campus given factors including high vaccination rates and the availability of treatments like Paxlovid and monoclonal antibodies.

The number of COVID-positive patients in UAB Hospital also remains low

- And of those hospitalized, fewer are ending up in intensive care, and even fewer require ventilation, says Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the UAB Division of Infectious Diseases.

UAB experts continue to support the university's mask-optional policy in non-clinical buildings

- But remember: Some people remain at an increased risk of complications from COVID and may choose to wear a mask for an added layer of protection for themselves or others. Members of the campus community are encouraged to respect the decisions others make in keeping with our Shared Values.

Read more in the UAB Reporter

Free resources available

Your UAB email can get you free access to the New York Times and other top publications

You can get access to digital editions of the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Financial Times through UAB Libraries with your UAB email. Get step-by-step instructions online.

Are you a caregiver or parent? The EACC created virtual toolkits for you

These collections of online tools, articles, training opportunities, support groups and more are designed to provide employees with useful resources for day-to-day obligations outside the workplace. Visit uab.edu/codeblaze and click on the Toolkits tab.

Research & learning



New UAB-developed process could make medical implants safer and less toxic

When metallic nanostructures from medical implants are released too quickly and early into the bloodstream, the results can be toxic for the patient. An interdisciplinary team of researchers from the departments of Biology and Materials Science and Engineering has developed a new plasma-enabled process that can anchor silver nanoparticles on the surface of 3D-printed polymers without any rapid release into the surroundings.

Apply for up to \$50,000 in funding from CARES at UAB

Researchers whose work was impacted by caregiving responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for awards aimed at funding additional personnel and resources and augmenting productivity. Apply by Aug. 26.

How can we predict the risk of human disease from animal-borne pathogens?

Barbara Han, Ph.D., disease ecologist, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, will explore recent approaches that combine knowledge about animal ecology with machine-learning and artificial intelligence tools to make predictions about where and from which species the risks of zoonotic outbreaks are greatest, 11 a.m. July 28 in a webinar sponsored by the ARC IPC and the School of Public Health.

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. Check the Campus Calendar for more events on campus, and submit your own. If you have news you want to share, use the Request Publicity form online.

One more thing



Using expertise learned at UAB to make a global difference

Angela Amedo, Ph.D., earned her doctorate in vision science from the UAB School of Optometry in 2005 while on a Fulbright scholarship. A native of Accra, Ghana, Amedo returned to the country after graduation and has worked to advance the profession there, becoming the country's first professor of optometry while at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Read a Q&A with Amedo to learn more about her career path and hear advice for future vision scientists and optometrists.

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