

August 11, 2021

Get cash for getting vaxxed (and telling us about it!)

Here are your options:
Visit an on-campus pop-up clinic or make an appointment at the [Student Health Services Immunization Clinic](#) for your COVID vaccination. Not on campus? Submit your COVID immunization record through the [Student Health patient portal](#). *Pro tip: Follow this flowchart.*

Then collect your \$:
→ Vaccinated? Get **\$20 in Blazer Bucks**.
→ Vaccinated and living on campus? Get an additional **\$30 textbook voucher**.
→ **Want up to \$500 for your RSO?** Student orgs with 70% or more of their members vaccinated by Aug. 31 will get cash for catering, allowed purchases and/or travel.

Mark your calendars for these COVID vaccine pop-up clinics:

Aug. 16 1:30-4 p.m. HSC Performance Lounge	Aug. 20 1-4 p.m. Blazer Hall Lower RLC	Aug. 21 1-4 p.m. Blazer Hall Lower RLC	Aug. 24 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Health Services
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FROM THE EXPERTS: If I can still catch Delta, what's the point in getting vaccinated?

It could mean the difference between cold-like symptoms and a ventilator: "The vaccine is protecting those of us who are vaccinated to a very high degree against hospitalization, going on a breathing machine and possibly dying," explains Michael Saag, M.D.



Summer commencement to be held virtually

At least 1,821 students are eligible to graduate this summer in three commencement ceremonies Aug. 13-14. The virtual ceremonies will premiere on the [UAB YouTube page](#); the link to the page will be shared on [Facebook](#).

UAB continues to track, report campus COVID cases

From July 30-Aug. 5, 13 new positive cases were reported among non-clinical faculty and staff, 112 new positive cases were reported among clinical enterprise employees and 19 new positive cases were reported among students.

Information

Lost Wages or Family Income Due to the Pandemic?

Students can apply for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds.

[Learn more](#)

What is HEERF III, and who is eligible?

Certain students who were enrolled at UAB in fall 2021 or spring and summer 2021 and experienced financial hardships due to COVID-19, including loss of income, increased childcare or medical expenses, inability to pay outstanding balances, emergent needs for new technology and more, can [apply online](#) for the newest round of Higher Education Emergency Relief funding (HEERF). UAB will pay approved HEERF-III student emergency grants directly to eligible students.



In-person shopping has resumed at Blazer Kitchen

Blazers now can shop in person at the Hill Student Center Blazer Kitchen location; in-person shopping already is underway at the 11th Avenue South location. Shoppers can register for appointments at 11th Avenue or order online and schedule pickup at the HSC location.



Cook to direct National and International Fellowships and Scholarships

Michelle Cook, Ph.D., has been named director of the Office of National and International Fellowships and Scholarships, which supports students and recent alumni applying for competitive funding for education abroad, research, graduate school and other academic opportunities.

Sidewalk to close on north side of 7th Avenue at Kracke

Construction fencing has been placed around the Kracke and Pittman buildings to prepare for razing. The fencing will block pedestrian access on the north side of Seventh Avenue South between 19th and 20th streets, but all lanes of traffic will remain open.

Blazer-created app puts wellness in student hands

Mental health app B Well helps students easily access resources on mobile devices and build a self-care plan that encourages healthy habits.

Education Abroad app connects students to global experiences

A new interactive tool helps students participate in virtual global classrooms and internships, access passport services and streamline course-approval processes.

Mark your calendars



Discover the art of recovery Aug. 16

Rob Alley, musician and director of the University of Alabama's Art for Life's Sake program, will host "The Art of Recovery: Mindfulness, Freedom, and Joy" noon Aug. 16 on Zoom as part of UAB Arts in Medicine's Virtual Mental Health Monday series. The event is free, but registration is required.

Passport Office expanding hours beginning Aug. 23

The UAB Passport Office in UBOB will be open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Typical passport lead times are 18 weeks for routine and 12 weeks for expedited; passport appointments are still limited.

More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/students](#) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](#). If you have news you want to share, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

One more thing



A new stand for the Mace: How a Blazer's family tradition gave new life to a UAB icon

Collat's Jamey Worrell handcrafted a new stand for the UAB Mace, using skills taught by his woodworker father and locally sourced wood that represents some of the university's best qualities: strength, resiliency, knowledge and passion.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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