



Answering your COVID-19 Questions



August 20, 2021



Nominate an employee for the VIP Awards

Nominate an employee whose work has exemplified and embodied one of UAB's shared values — integrity, stewardship, collaboration, accountability, respect, excellence and achievement and diversity and inclusiveness — for a UAB VIP Award. Submissions are due Sept. 9.



Mrug awarded \$2.8 million for genetic behavioral study

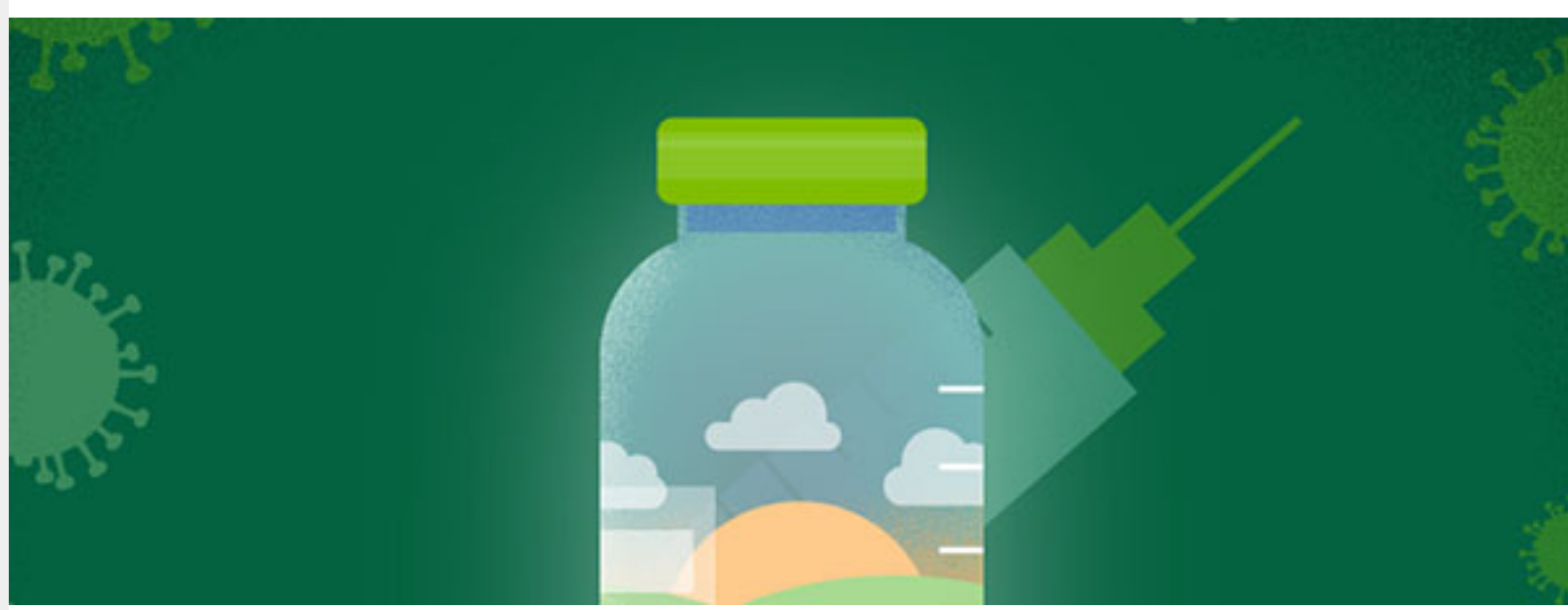
A new R01 grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities will enable Sylvie Mrug, Ph.D., University Professor of psychology, to investigate the role of epigenetics in health disparities.



WBHM wins prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award

The Radio Television Digital News Association's Edward R. Murrow Awards are among the most esteemed in broadcast and digital news, and WBHM 90.3 FM — a listener-supported service of UAB — took home an Overall Excellence for Small Market Radio award.

COVID-19



Employees to earn \$400 for COVID vaccination

Full-time, regular, part-time and postdoc employees who already have been fully vaccinated or have at least one shot by Sept. 30 will receive a one-time \$400 payment for protecting themselves, each other, their families and our community. If you already have been vaccinated, no action is required at this time; continue to look to official UAB communications for updates and guidance. Not vaccinated yet? Visit [UAB United](#) to learn how you can be.

Vaccines now required for UAB Health System employees

COVID-19 vaccinations now are required for those working in UAB Hospital and UAB Health System clinics to ensure the safety of patients, other employees and the communities UAB Health System serves. [Read this FAQ](#) for more information, and continue to look to official UAB and UAB Health System communications for updates about vaccine-related incentives and policies.

Immunocompromised persons can receive third vaccine dose

Employees and patients with weakened immune systems who meet certain criteria are recommended to receive an additional Pfizer or Moderna injection at least 28 days following their second dose. See a list of criteria and learn about next steps [online](#).

UAB continues to track, report campus COVID cases

From Aug. 6-12, 25 new positive cases were reported among non-clinical faculty and staff, 101 new positive cases were reported among clinical enterprise employees and 25 new positive cases were reported among students.



FROM THE EXPERTS: Listen to health care professionals, Kimberlin pleads

We must stop disputing vaccinations and masking, says David Kimberlin, M.D. "We seem to be arguing about things that we already know work, and we don't have a lot of time to get to the other side of those arguments."

Things to know

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Take the B Well app survey

UAB faculty and staff are invited to share their thoughts about the B Well app to help ensure it is meeting their needs. Whether or not you are already using the app, your feedback is important.



Javed to direct Global Center for Craniofacial, Oral and Dental Disorders

Amjad Javed, Ph.D. has been named director of the Global Center for Craniofacial, Oral and Dental Disorders. He also serves as the interim associate dean for research and director of postgraduate education in the School of Dentistry.

Change your commute through Aug. 22 for student move-in

Students are starting to arrive on campus for the fall semester. To ease your commute, UAB Transportation recommends taking alternate routes when large numbers of students will be moving into on-campus housing. This [map](#) will help you plan.

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/reporter](#) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](#). If you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

Mark your calendars



Panel to provide COVID-19 update Monday

Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the Division of Infectious Diseases, and Paul Goeptert, M.D., director of the Alabama Vaccine Research Clinic, will discuss the Delta variant, vaccine efficacy and safety and hospitalizations and answer questions. Join the Zoom meeting 11 a.m. Aug. 23.

Hear how to start your online class strong today

Get info on course and institutional policies, student resources and course expectations to help students be successful in online and hybrid courses 10 a.m. Aug. 20 on Zoom. Participants also will learn about mandatory and recommended syllabus components.

OHDRC research proposals due Aug. 31

The UAB Obesity Health Disparities Research Center invites research proposals for secondary data analysis in any area of research related to obesity and health disparities. Funding up to \$10,000 is available to faculty from UAB and other select schools.

Apply by Aug. 31 to join the UAB Microbiome Center

UMC members can access microbiome cores, annual symposia and pilot grants to further pursuits of microbiome-related work across disciplines, schools and colleges. Apply online through August.

Learn about COVID spread on 'Clinical Pearls' Sept. 3

NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases researcher Ian Moore, DVM, Ph.D., will join panelists to discuss opportunities and challenges to curbing COVID spread noon Sept. 3. Stream live on YouTube.

One more thing



Work with students? Tell them about vaccination incentives

Students can visit an on-campus pop-up clinic or make an appointment at the Student Health Services Immunization Clinic for their COVID vaccination; off-campus students can submit their COVID immunization record through the Student Health patient portal.

Then, they can get cash:

- Vaccinated students get \$20 in BlazerBucks.
- Vaccinated students who live on campus get an additional \$30 textbook voucher.
- Student orgs with 70% or more of their members vaccinated by Aug. 31 can get up to \$500 cash for catering, allowed purchases and/or travel.

Student Affairs also is hosting drawings:

- 10 \$1,000 scholarships for books or tuition
- 10 \$1,000 scholarships for on-campus housing
- 5 parking passes
- Up to 10 tickets to an away UAB Football game

Students selected for grand prizes will receive an invitation to participate in Zoom trivia to win their prize.

Visit [UAB United](#) for more information on how students can get vaccinated.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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