

TOWN HALL

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

August 27, 2021



Virtually all Alabamians could benefit from gene-based drug prescribing, statewide study finds

Analyzing gene sequences and prescriptions for 3,300-plus participants in the Alabama Genomic Health Initiative, UAB scientists estimate 98.6% of Alabamians have actionable genotypes and a significant number are prescribed affected medications.



Answers to questions about alternative work pilot program

UAB will launch a limited six-month pilot program Sept. 1 to evaluate alternative work options for positions that do not require a daily on-site presence.



Amm awarded R21 grant to further genetic research

Hope Amm, Ph.D., will use the NIH grant to develop a new model for ameloblastomas — rare oral tumors that occur within the bones of the jaw — to determine best methods for imaging the tumors before or during surgery.



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.

COVID-19



Get a recap of the latest 'What's new with COVID-19?' panel

Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the Division of Infectious Diseases, and Paul Goepfert, M.D., director of the Alabama Vaccine Research Clinic, discussed the FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine, pregnancy and COVID and more. Join the next session noon Sept. 1 to learn about COVID, fertility and pregnancy.

Curious about Alabama and COVID? Get facts, trends Sept. 1

Hear insights from infectious disease expert Rachael Lee, M.D., on the state of COVID in Alabama, including vaccination rates and vaccine hesitancy, variants and trends in hospitalizations and death in a webinar noon Sept. 1. Register [online](#).



FROM THE EXPERTS: Why vaccine antibodies beat COVID infection antibodies

Antibodies from vaccination provide much more protection against infection or re-infection than antibodies from having COVID, says Jodie Dionne, M.D. So don't wait to get vaccinated — even if you've had COVID before.

Things to know



Live HealthSmart Alabama Mobile Market expands route

The grocery store-on-wheels, which provides healthy, fresh and affordable food to neighborhoods with limited access to traditional grocery stores, has expanded its service area to Norwood, Fountain Heights, Tarrant and Bessemer. See a schedule [online](#).



Career Influencer Network prepares faculty, staff for effective career conversations

A new program from the UAB Career Center has reached more than 160 faculty and staff with information on how to best support students in achieving post-grad success.

Donate hygiene items to Blazer Kitchen through Aug. 31

Donate items through Aug. 31 to stock the on-campus food bank with items such as feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and soap. Donations can be given to Staff Council representatives or dropped off at the 1613 Building.

Submit abstracts for Haddin Forum through Aug. 31

College of Arts and Sciences faculty can share their ongoing research and scholarship during this annual lecture series that celebrates interdisciplinary works. Submit proposals to Associate Dean David Schwebel, Ph.D., [schwebel@uab.edu](mailto:schwebel@uab.edu), by Aug. 31.

More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](http://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



Learn advanced Canvas tools

Register for these 11 a.m. Zoom workshops:

- Design and publish Quizzes Aug. 30
- Keep records using Gradebook Aug. 31
- Create and reuse Rubrics Sept. 1
- View metrics with Analytics Sept. 2

Learn about course development, alignment today

Get introduced to and begin the eLearning course design process by creating measurable learning objectives and explore the importance of aligning critical course components 10 a.m. today.

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.

Explore study findings on social issues, mental health Aug. 31

Hear findings from the School of Public Health-supported COVID-19, Race, and Mental Health Study, which sought during the pandemic to learn more about social issues around race, how students coped during COVID and how UAB might better support the mental health of students noon Aug. 31 online.

One more thing



Beta Alpha Psi gifts supply kits to local elementary school

The UAB chapter of Beta Alpha Psi provided 72 school supply kits filled with pens, notepads, crayons and folders to students at Glen Iris Elementary to help offset the high cost of school supplies for low-income families.

Check the campus calendar for more events

Lectures	Arts	Athletics
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