



“What drove us on the frontline was our mission to help our communities, to do the right thing for Birmingham and to save lives.”

-ANAND IYER, M.D., PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN

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Blazers honored for promoting mental health awareness

Sami Raut, Shelby Gillis and Samia O'Bryan are among the seven individuals and two registered student organizations who were named Mental Health Champions by Student Counseling Services for their efforts during this past year.



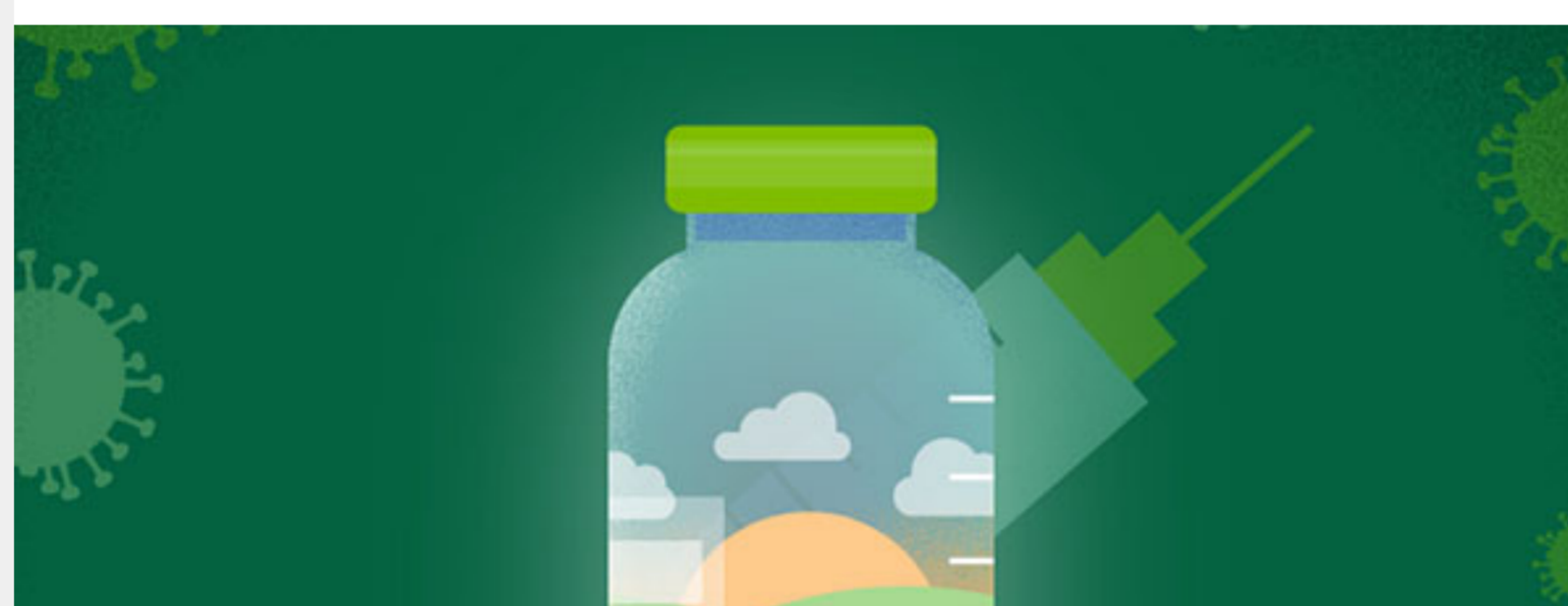
UAB to add personal holiday, unused days to roll over one more time

UAB and UAB Medicine employees will be able to keep and roll over any unused personal holidays through June 2022 and get an extra day to celebrate Juneteenth.

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.

Coping with COVID-19



Data and safety review board reports how it monitored the COVID-19 vaccine trials

Responsibility for the safety, integrity and scientific validity of the trials fell to 12 experts of the COVID-19 Vaccine Data and Safety Monitoring Board, which includes UAB's Richard Whitley, M.D., distinguished professor of pediatrics. The team has taken the unusual step of publishing details of their review process.



Summer series to explore post-COVID symptoms

UAB physicians will cover issues during weekly Zoom seminars to be held noon each Wednesday through Aug. 4, including neurologic complications June 23 and lung complications June 30. [Register](#) for any or all of the sessions or watch recordings later.

UAB continues to track, report campus COVID cases

From June 11-17, no new positive cases were reported among non-clinical faculty and staff or UAB students; six new positive cases were reported among clinical enterprise employees.

- Vaccines are available for all UAB employees; [register online](#).
- Report any COVID-19 exposures and symptoms using [this form](#).
- You can report non-compliance with safety precautions.



FROM THE EXPERTS: COVID vaccine vs. antibodies

Clinical trials have shown exactly what the immune response will be from the vaccine, while the immunity that comes from COVID infections can wane over time, making you susceptible to reinfection. "The vaccine is the safest way to guarantee that you have the immunity you need to fight the virus," says Suzanne Judd, Ph.D.

Things to Know



Nominations now being accepted for new UAB VIP Award

The first six honorees of the UAB Shared Values in Action Program have been chosen, and nominations for third-quarter honorees are open through Sept. 9. Know someone whose work exemplifies integrity, respect, diversity and inclusiveness, collaboration, excellence and achievement, accountability and stewardship? Nominate them online.

Expect a short interruption to UABFile June 26

UABFile — also known as shared drive, department drive or U-drive — will be offline briefly beginning 8 p.m. June 26. Users will be able to access files but not make changes. [Read more online](#).

Lectures and Learning



Learn about media tools now

- Edit and publish videos June 22
- Use video in assignments June 23
- Create video quizzes with Kaltura June 24
- Use interactive learning paths in Kaltura June 25

Deadline extended to July 1 for study abroad fellowships

The Education Abroad fellowship promotes active and ethical citizenship, cultural immersion and community engagement. Faculty will design a new course or modify an existing course to include a faculty-led education abroad component. [Apply online](#).

One more thing



Updating the footprint of campus with DNA

The intersection of 20th Street South and Seventh Avenue looked a bit different in 1971, and this section of campus will undergo even more changes this summer as the Kracke Building and Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies will be razed to make way for the new Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building.

Check the campus calendar for events



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