

# United in Vaccination

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## University faculty and staff to get an extra holiday

With a few exceptions, UAB employees in Workgroups A and F will receive an extra holiday this year on April 14 in recognition of their continued dedication and hard work.



## US could reach herd immunity by late spring

By adding the number of people who have tested positive to the number of people vaccinated and those with natural or acquired immunity, scientists estimate we will reach herd immunity in May, says UAB epidemiologist Suzanne Judd, Ph.D. There will be isolated outbreaks, and a strong vaccination campaign will need to continue.



## FROM THE EXPERTS: Vaccine is the ticket to getting to normal

Every administered dose of the COVID-19 vaccine saves lives, says Sarah Nafziger, M.D. — and gets us closer to resuming activities without constant masking: "When you have the opportunity, please get the COVID-19 vaccine. It's our ticket to getting our lives back to normal."

### 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.

### Things to know



## 4 steps to take charge of your career in 2021

Check out these networking tips, portable skills, career mapping advice and more words of wisdom UAB staff shared in February's "Taking Charge of Your Career" forum.



## How can you achieve lifestyle wellness?

Nutrition Sciences Professor Holly Wyatt, M.D., will reveal a new initiative and answer your questions about lifestyle wellness 7 p.m. March 4.

## Tell your story in six words

Say It In 6 challenges you to tell your story — about your studies, your UAB experience or your life — using only six words and a visual aid in one of five categories: community, balance, resilience, curiosity and motivation. Submit an entry online by March 3. Three winners in the faculty/staff division will receive gift baskets and other goodies.

## Nominations now being accepted for new UAB VIP Award

UAB's Employee of the Month program has been revamped to recognize staff who demonstrate at least one of the university's shared values. Submit one or more nominations online for the first quarter of 2021 by March 31.

## Camps, community-based programs may resume June 1

UA System campuses may allow visitors for the purpose of academic programming, camps and other community-based programming effective June 1, provided that health and safety plans implemented are consistent with campus safety protocols including housing, dining and recreational facilities. Summer camps hosted by athletic departments also are subject to any guidance or restrictions imposed by respective athletic associations and conferences. Read more online.

## Bartow Arena to host state basketball finals March 1-3

First announced in February 2020 by the City of Birmingham, UAB's Bartow Arena will co-host Alabama High School Athletic Association Basketball State Finals Championships March 1-3 due to construction underway on the BJCC Legacy Arena. No street parking will be available on the arena sides of 13th and 14th streets on those days, and a portion of the UBOB deck is designated for visitor parking. No tickets will be sold at Bartow Arena, and COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

### Lectures and learning



## UAB partnership in Kenya provides social and health benefits to women and communities there

A study abroad service-learning course begun in 2018 has helped tribal women in rural Kenya improve their quality of life and better weather a pandemic.



## Creative Cloud programs can enrich coursework, increase student engagement

Learn to use Adobe Creative Cloud to develop a range of compelling and meaningful multimedia projects in the classroom.

## Health System to present learning series during March

The five-week series will include presentations from faculty leading Learning Health System initiatives across the nation, highlights from UAB faculty and plans for the development of more integrated collaborative opportunities at UAB. Register online to attend noon-1 p.m. each Tuesday in March.

## Compare women's suffrage movements in US, Switzerland

In partnership with the Swiss Consulate in Atlanta, UAB's Institute for Human Rights will present a discussion on the women's suffrage movement in Switzerland 11 a.m. March 3 on Zoom.

### Research and discovery



## NSF CAREER award powers quantum magnet research

Assistant Professor Wenli Bi, Ph.D., in the Department of Physics will expand studies in a field that could lead to new green technologies — and more opportunities for women and underrepresented minorities in cutting-edge physics.

## Learn more about LGBTQ+ health research taking place at UAB

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D., associate dean for students in the School of Medicine, will join Ronit Elk, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, and Olivia Van Gerwen, M.D., clinical instructor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, to provide an overview of their projects and future plans during this webinar noon March 10. Register online.

### One more thing



## See artists' perspective on the pandemic in 'Work from Home'

Works of art that reflect life during the pandemic will be featured in this exhibit created by faculty and staff in the Department of Art and Art History. See it March 1-May 30 in UAB Sustainability's Solar House at the corner of 11th Avenue South and 17th Street. Attend a virtual reception March 13 or schedule an individual tour.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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