

June 2022

Dear Consular Officers and others,

During the coming weeks and months, prospective students admitted to The University of Maryland will be applying for F-1 and J1 visas to enter the U.S. to begin study on our campus.

We are **respectfully asking for expedited visa services** (within your normal timeframe) to ensure that students can arrive in time to complete all needed health and safety requirements and begin coursework on time. We want to share the following information about our school and our operational plans for fall 2022 to assist you in your visa deliberations.

Fall 2022 Operations

The University of Maryland (School Code: BAL214F00061000) is operating fully in person.

International students are strongly encouraged to arrive on campus at College park no later than **August 23, 2022** to fulfill any pertinent health and safety requirements as well as final registration requirements in time to attend classes the first day.

Vaccination against COVID-19 and a Pfizer or Moderna booster is a requirement for class attendance. All students will need a WHO approved Covid-19 booster to enter the US, and may receive their required Pfizer or Moderna Booster once they arrive on campus.

About University of Maryland

Founded in 1856 and located in College Park MD, the University of Maryland is the state's flagship university and one of the original land-grant institutions in America. UMD is a Carnegie R1 classification (Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity)

If you have questions about any admitted international UMD student, please feel free to contact me directly with email being the best option.

Sincerely,

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