Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to the University of Maryland and the Terrapin Family! As your student prepares to enter the University of Maryland this fall, I want to provide you with important information about four important items that need to be completed before your student arrives – an alcohol education program, a sexual assault prevention program, proof of health insurance, and proof of immunizations.

First, your incoming student should have received an email from me with important information about AlcoholEdu, an online alcohol education program required for all Maryland freshmen. Please encourage your student to complete this mandatory program. Students can begin AlcoholEdu on Monday, July 25, using the login instructions provided in the email. The course is accessible 24/7 and must be completed by Wednesday, August 24.

Second, in addition to AlcoholEdu, your incoming student will receive a separate email from the Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct between July 25 and August 1 with instructions for completing a mandatory online training program in Sexual Misconduct Prevention by the start of the fall semester (for more information about this training and the University’s sexual misconduct policy and prevention initiatives, visit the Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct website at http://www.umd.edu/ocrsm).

We encourage you to talk openly and often with your student about alcohol use and sexual misconduct prevention prior to their arrival on campus, and keep those conversations going after they are here.

The following is an overview of resources related to these important topics:

- Office of Parent and Family Affairs: http://terpfamily.umd.edu/educating-parents/students-alcohol
- Department of Resident Life: http://www.reslife.umd.edu/policies/alcoholpolicy
- Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct: http://www.umd.edu/Sexual_Misconduct

Third, as a reminder, all undergraduate students taking six or more credits are required to show proof of health insurance by completing an online health insurance waiver. If you are in need of insurance for your student, the University sponsors an affordable, high-quality plan that covers students at the University Health Center and across the country. Please visit University Health Center website http://www.health.umd.edu/PaymentandInsurance for more information.

Please note that if you are billed for the Student Health Insurance Plan, the charge can be removed by submitting the on line health insurance waiver by September 15, 2016. If you
have questions about the process that are not answered on the site above, please call the University Health Center Business Office at 301-314-8165.

Finally, the University requires that all students submit proof of immunizations prior to arriving on campus. Please go to http://www.health.umd.edu/sites/default/files/ImmunizationRecordForm.pdf and complete the “Immunization Form” by the first day of fall classes, August 29, 2016. For assistance or information about required immunizations, please call the Immunization Clinic at 301-314-8139.

Thank you for taking the time to talk to your student about these important issues. If you have questions about the required trainings, please contact Madeleine Moore (AlcoholEdu) at alcoholedu@umd.edu or 301-314-8123 and Kevin Webb (Sexual Misconduct Prevention) at titleixtraining@umd.edu, or 301-405-9897.

Sincerely,

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