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The University of Maine community is responding to the numerous challenges presented by the COVID-19 epidemic. Faculty, staff, students, the administration, and alumni are addressing the pandemic in various ways. UMaine Online helped countless faculty members transition to online learning and different departments have contributed in a variety of ways.

On the now-quiet campus, several efforts have been taking place.

UMaine microbiology professor Melissa Maginnis [studies viruses and how they are transmitted to humans](#).

Jake Ward, UMaine's vice president for innovation and economic development, has been [working with the Maine Emergency Management Agency \(MEMA\) to research and develop supplies such as hand sanitizer](#) to be used by local hospitals, and PPE.

Special Collections and Maine Shared Collection Librarian Matthew Revitt is [collecting materials to create an archive](#) of the University of Maine community's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emera Astronomy Center is [contributing to research efforts](#) with an innovative visualization cluster.

Cooperative Extension has provided a broad range of resources online. One resource [enables Maine farmers and fishermen to connect with customers](#), since farmers markets have closed.

Cooperative Extension has also posted such activities as STEM [online "QuaranTEEN" Virtual Science Cafés](#) for students in grades 7-12, 4-H ["Friday Fun!" activities for younger children](#), and more.

Other rich online resources available to the public include virtual tours and art demonstrations at the [University of Maine Museum of Art](#) and the [Hudson Museum](#).

Besides these many campus efforts, individual alumni have also helped in various ways.

Chris Violette '07, a new media graduate, currently living in Ohio, created a website, [Quarantin.io](#) that [traces the availability of essential items in different communities](#).

At FlowFold, alumni Charley Friedman '10, Devin McNeill '10, and James Morin '10 shifted their company's production from backpacks, wallets, and other gear to [producing face shields for healthcare workers](#).

We know that many other alumni also participated in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to hear from you. What have you done to help professionally or otherwise? [Please tell us about your experience](#).

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