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## Chancellor Messages\_Keeping You Informed About Our Coronavirus Response

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## UMS Community Guidance

- For Everyone
- For Students
- For Employees **New** ▲
- For Travelers **New** ▲

## UMS Campus Specific Information

- University of Maine
- University of Maine at Augusta
- University of Maine at Farmington
- University of Maine at Fort Kent
- University of Maine at Machias
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- University of Southern Maine
- University of Maine School of Law

## Public Health Resources

- Maine Center for Disease Control — Coronaviruses
- CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

## Announcements

- Chancellor Malloy: Our Continued Commitment to UMS Employees  
April 3, 2020
- Student Fee Adjustment and Rebate Policy by April 15  
April 1, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Celebrating Commencement During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
March 30, 2020
- Pass/Fail Options Extended At UMS Universities  
March 25, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: We're All in This Together  
March 24, 2020
- Mills Administration, Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Response to COVID-19  
March 24, 2020
- Identifying University Resources and Materials for the COVID Response Effort  
March 23, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Full Pay Commitment to Regular Employees Through April 4  
March 19, 2020
- Universities Inventorying Resources for Maine's Coronavirus Response  
March 19, 2020
- Universities Transition Employees To Remote Work Thursday, March 19  
March 18, 2020
- UMS To Continue Paying Federal Work Study Students  
March 18, 2020
- Spring Break Extended Two Days: Classes Resume March 25th  
March 18, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Working Remotely and March 25 Start of Classes  
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- Room and Board Adjustments and Rebates  
March 17, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Focusing on Faculty and Staff Needs  
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- UMS Technology Resource Update  
March 16, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Event Restrictions On Gatherings and Other Updates  
March 12, 2020
- Student Room and Board Refunds: UMS posting guidance before Noon on Wednesday, March 18th  
March 12, 2020
- Travel Assistance Hotline for UMS Employees and Students  
March 11, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy Message on Transition to Online Instruction  
March 11, 2020
- University UMS COVID-19 Directives prohibit non-essential university air travel, opens residence halls for spring break, sets March 23 deadline for continuity of instruction planning  
March 10, 2020
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information University of Maine System  
March 9, 2020
- Students and Employees Urged to Update Emergency Contact Information  
March 8, 2020
- UMS COVID-19 Guidance on University Travel for Business and Personal Travel  
March 5, 2020
- UMS Guidance for International Travelers  
March 4, 2020
- Governor Mills Convenes Coronavirus Response Team  
March 2, 2020
- Travel Monitoring and Prohibitions: University Travel to Italy Prohibited  
March 1, 2020
- We're Making Plans to be Ready for Coronavirus  
February 28, 2020

# Chancellor Malloy: Focusing on Faculty and Staff Needs

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UMS Community,

We continue to balance the public health and safety of our communities with the educational needs of our students and the personal and professional challenges our faculty and staff are facing as we work to serve them. We are monitoring the constantly changing public health situation literally hour by hour, and taking additional responsible steps to adjust to our current realities.

I'm writing to let you know what we're working on.

Before I do, though, let me start by thanking you for your hard work over the last few weeks. I know more work is ahead of us, which we'll have to do together. But I want to recognize how incredibly resilient and adaptable you've been in the most trying circumstances. Simply put, thank you.

Recognizing that we are all facing K-12 school closures, childcare disruption, and similar unexpected changes to our daily life, we continue to review how we can be more flexible for our faculty and staff with leave and work-from-home arrangements. We will share more information this week as campus faculty and staff needs become more clear.

Our students and faculty face the same personal challenges as they look ahead to the transition to online or other distance learning and instruction. We are assessing whether additional time is necessary to ensure this transition causes the least disruption possible in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. We will also be sharing more information as the week progresses about any further support we can provide for them.

Finally, with our work to ensure that our students' educational progress continues, I'm personally conscious that we have a few thousand students nearing degree completion who expected to celebrate their accomplishments with traditional commencement exercises. It is too early to know when public health restrictions will ease, but I am committed, along with our Presidents, to making a decision no later than April 15 about how to recognize our students' degree-completion accomplishments.

I will report again soon. Thank you for your work, and please do all you can to maintain your good health.

Sincerely,

Dannel Malloy  
Chancellor

Emailed to all University Employees 3/16/20