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## Fwd: Welcome Back and Important Information

2 messages

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**Madison Riley** <madison.s.riley@maine.edu>  
To: Matthew Revitt <matthew.revitt@maine.edu>

Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 1:24 PM

this one just came in! I think I sent you everything I have

—  
Madison Riley  
*She/Her/Hers*  
University of Maine

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Robert Dana <rdana@MAINE.EDU>  
**Date:** August 25, 2020 at 1:07:45 PM EDT  
**To:** "UM-STUDENT-LIFE@lists.maine.edu" <UM-STUDENT-LIFE@LISTS.MAINE.EDU>  
**Subject:** Welcome Back and Important Information  
**Reply-To:** rdana@MAINE.EDU

Greetings:

Welcome to campus! I am writing because this year will be different from any we have previously experienced. I want to let you know what you can expect and offer some guidance about how best to proceed in the days before (and after) classes begin.

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly impacted how the University of Maine operates, delivers instruction, and sponsors events and programs. As an example, there will be no fall intercollegiate sports. Intramural Sports will be modified, as will Club Sports. Most other events and activities will also be altered, delayed or cancelled in order to help stem the spread of this potentially deadly disease. Student organizations are impacted, and will operate in a modified way. The student organization fair (Wednesday, September 2, 2020) and the Engineering Job Fair (October 21, 2020) will be virtual.

To support safe decision making I remind you that the Student Conduct Code applies regardless of location in cases of conduct when the alleged incident or conduct seriously threatens any educational process, the legitimate function of the University, and/or the health or safety of any individual ([University Student Conduct Code Section I, Jurisdiction](#)). That means that on campus and off campus events that break the rules and put others in harms way will be managed, as appropriate, through the conduct process. Simply put, please do not host parties and always maintain social distancing.

Events subject to the Student Conduct Code include on-campus functions, fraternity or sorority events, gatherings in public or open spaces, and parties and events hosted in private residences or venues. Violations will be taken seriously and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

No university-sponsored travel is permitted (<https://www.maine.edu/together/community-guidance/travelers/>) and students are asked to voluntarily avoid all out of state and unnecessary instate personal travel until November 20, 2020. This is a major request but we are in a truly unusual situation.

Campus safety measures have been implemented (<https://umaine.edu/return>) and the Black Bears Care Plan, which includes the Black Bear Pact (<https://umaine.edu/return/black-bears-care/>) are key

elements to keep us safe. The MOST IMPORTANT four things all of us can do to keep everyone safe and to remain on campus are to wear a face covering while on campus (indoors and outdoors), to wash our hands frequently, to maintain social distance, and to stay home and get help if you feel sick.

Together we are strong and protecting ourselves and each other are key to our success. Please dedicate yourself to academics and the university and leading by example. This is a time that provides an opportunity for all of us to make a real impact on campus. Please help to make UMaine as safe as possible and know that I support you as we make our way through the complexities confronting us.

Sincerely,

Robert Q. Dana  
Vice President Student Life and Inclusive Excellence and Dean of Students--

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**Matthew Revitt** <matthew.revitt@maine.edu>  
To: Madison Riley <madison.s.riley@maine.edu>

Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 1:46 PM

Great, thank you.

Matthew.

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