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# Health Advisory – Coronavirus Disease 2019

## UMS Community Guidance

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

## 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

- Working Remotely Guidance Through June 30th Posted  
May 18, 2020
- University To Update Guidance Based on Governor Mills' Plan To Restart the Maine Economy  
April 29, 2020
- CARES Act Distribution to Students Expected Week of May 4  
April 24, 2020
- UMS Forms Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee  
April 20, 2020
- COVID-19 Academic Responses and Accommodations  
April 18, 2020
- Universities Developing CARES Act Distribution and Fee Adjustment Policies  
April 14, 2020
- New Community Resource Guide for Adult Learners and Employees  
April 10, 2020
- Summer Sessions To Be Offered Online  
April 7, 2020
- 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  
March 18, 2020
- Room and Board Adjustments and Rebates  
March 17, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Focusing on Faculty and Staff Needs  
March 17, 2020
- 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

## For Everyone

University of Maine System and campuses continue operations; Limited group gatherings, retail stores+ and selected other activities may begin July 1; no day camp or overnight camps in summer 2020: (06/03 /2020)

Should I wear a face covering in public areas? (05/12/2020) —

Governor Janet Mills issued an executive order in support of CDC guidance on April 29, 2020 requiring the public to wear cloth face coverings in public setting where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

"Public settings" mean:

- indoor spaces that are accessible to the public such as grocery stores, retail stores, pharmacies and health care facilities;
- outdoor spaces such as playgrounds, busy parking lots, and other areas such as lines for take-out service where the public typically gathers in a smaller area; and
- public transportation such as a taxi, Uber, Lyft, ride-sharing or similar service; ferry, bus, or train; and any semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area

Exceptions:

- Cloth face coverings are not required for children under age 2;
- a child in a child-care setting;
- for anyone who has trouble breathing or related medical conditions;
- who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance

A person who cannot wear a cloth face covering because of a medical condition is not required to produce medical documentation of the condition, provided that an employer may require such documentation from an employee in accordance with state and federal law.

Note: University of Maine Employees should see related guidance in the 'For Employees' section of the Public Health Advisory Page.

Reference: [An Order to Stay Safer at Home](#)  
(Last reviewed/updated: 05/12/2020)

- UMS Forms Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee (04/21/2020) +
- New Community Resource Guide for Adult Learners and Employees (04/13/2020) +
- Summer Sessions Offered On-Line (04/07/2020) +
- Who Needs to Self-Isolate? (04/06/2020) +
- IT Resources to Support Distance Instruction (03/27/2020) +
- Internet Access (03/16/2020) +
- What Are the Symptoms or What if You Are Sick? (03/13/2020) +
- What Should I Do If I Am Ill? (03/13/2020) +
- How Will the University Communicate? (03/13/2020) +
- Student Departure from Campus by March 22, 2020 (03/13/2020) +
- Flexible and Non-Punitive Leave Policies Available (03/13/2020) +
- Moving Online Sooner or Other Accommodations (03/13/2020) +
- Practice Social Distancing (03/13/2020) +
- Understand Risk Factors (03/13/2020) +
- Updating Your Contact Information (03/12/2020) +
- The Basics of Covid-19 (03/12/2020) +