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Guidance for students

June 2020

- Check out our [New Student Orientation website](#) — the first of a three-phase virtual orientation plan rolling out in the coming weeks.
- The Graduate School's orientation program, including TA orientation, will be online. Updates will be made on the [Graduate Student Orientation site](#).
- The First-Year and Transfer Center is developing multiple plans for Maine Hello, including a weeklong move-in.
- A UMaine Retention Committee is exploring a universitywide communication strategy to ensure that every incoming and returning student has a personal contact this summer.
- A Learner Success Committee is identifying low-cost options to improve services and support retention for the fall in the following areas: academic support services, faculty support and development, financial aid, first-generation students, first-year success courses, living-learning communities, and optimizing the use of Navigate.
- [Summer University](#) is underway, with record enrollments in our more than 900 courses offered remotely and online, including [Early College](#) classes. First-year students are registering for our new [Summer Start](#) program. And we are continuing our plans for the fall semester.
- New and transfer students are preparing to attend our virtual Summer Orientation that will include online campus tours, information sessions and more. Incoming students also can sign up for our [OPTIONS trips](#), offered by Maine Bound. These trips provide an excellent opportunity for new students to connect with each other while in the wonderful outdoor landscape available in Maine.
- UMaine and UMM are following state and federal health and safety guidelines, and guidance from Maine civil authorities to create a clear road map to reopen our campus communities this coming fall. The UMaine Science Advisory Board and nearly a dozen campus committees are working closely with the UMS [Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee](#) to develop operational plans and protocols to safely welcome students, employees, and the public back to campus. Maine's public universities will be ready to return to face-to-face instruction under the state health and safety guidelines in place at the end of August. We are making plans for in-person, online, remote and hybrid course offerings.
- [Residence Life](#) is eagerly anticipating having students back in the halls this fall. While a critical review of our on-campus housing to safely support our students is ongoing, the entire focus of returning to campus will be on safety and supporting our community. The Residence Life and Housing team is focused on planning for engaging and productive residential communities, including new living-learning communities and themed housing units. Campus Activities, Campus Recreation and Student Life are working hard to plan and prepare vibrant, creative and engaging activities and programs for the fall, all the while being mindful of structuring these experiences within the CDC guidelines. You will be amazed.
- The fall arrival dates for students are currently being determined. University of Maine and University of Maine System Safe Return to Campus Plans will include protocols for out-of-state students who live in UMaine residence halls. The model will be structured around the state health and safety requirements in place in August, including quarantining protocols.
- Know that we are working diligently at UMaine and UMM to ensure a successful summer and fall. In times of uncertainty and vetting multiple proposals, rumors and concerns may emerge. We appreciate your patience, your desire for guidance regarding the fall semester and the eagerness among so many to be on campus. We want that too.
- As the safe return to campus details are finalized, know that UMaine and UMM are here for you. We are open with [services available online](#).

