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- We have more than 18 hard-working [planning groups at UMaine and UMM](#) focused on the many essential areas and aspects of our universities — from fall academic scheduling and Fogler Library to cultural attractions and athletics events.
- The [Scientific Advisory Board](#) stays fully abreast of fast-breaking scientific and medical developments about the COVID-19 pandemic. Its members are watching vaccine development, diagnostic and serology testing, antiviral treatments, transmission mitigation, and contact tracing, and advising planning groups.
- Two reusable cloth face coverings will be made available to each UMaine and UMM employee on return to campus. Colleges and departments can use the online [COVID-19 Essential Supplies Request Form](#) to order as-needed supplies, such as hand sanitizer, cloth face coverings, disposable surgical face masks, clear hygiene barriers and social distancing floor signs. In addition to two university-issued face coverings, every employee returning to work will receive a back-to-campus kit containing a personal-size bottle of hand sanitizer, cardholder for mobile phone and touchless door opener. The kits and face-coverings are available by using the same essential supplies request form.
- The Student Wellness Office and UMaine's Public Health Committee are creating a public health campaign and campus signage on COVID-19 precautions. Plan to have your face coverings when you come to our campuses, and offices and facilities statewide.
- Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism continues to work with Good Shepherd Food Bank to keep the Black Bear Exchange stocked. Student Life team members are facilitating drive-thru pickups and deliveries according to health and safety protocols.
- New Balance Student Recreation Center has submitted plans to reopen in July. Stay tuned for more news on this.

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