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An Important Update

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September 24, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

We'd like to provide an important update in regard to employee vaccination, exemption, and testing compliance on our University of Maine System campuses.

Nearly eighty percent of our on-campus employees have uploaded their vaccination or exemption status into the UMS COVID-19 Portal. We appreciate this effort to meet the requirements as set down in the [Chancellor's message of September 10](#) and are grateful for this dedication and commitment to our community health and safety.

We continue to encourage those who have not yet reported their status to do so no later than September 30. This is the deadline agreed upon in [the memoranda of understanding reached with each of our collective bargaining units during the week of September 13th](#) and applies to non-represented employees as well.

If you're not certain of your current vaccination or exemption status within the UMS COVID-19 Portal or unsure of exactly where and how to upload your information, please visit:

<https://www.maine.edu/information-technology/support/it-resources-and-tools/vaccination-verification-guide/>

An important note to keep in mind is that the memoranda of understanding with each of the units provide for employees to continue to request exemptions on medical or religious grounds or in connection with working remotely or in an outdoor setting. [Those exemption request forms are currently available on the UMS COVID-19 Portal](#) and must be completed and submitted no later than September 30. Even if you have previously confirmed your remote work status with your campus officials, you must submit a remote work exemption request.

In addition, those employees and spouses/domestic partners covered under UMS medical insurance are eligible for Level 2 credit with self-reporting of vaccination through the [myCigna.com website](#).

Important: Entering information for satisfying Level 2 incentive does NOT meet the requirement to enter vaccination information into the UMS COVID-19 Portal.

Employees are required to appear for COVID-19 testing at least weekly if they work in-person on campus at any time and (1) have not submitted proof of COVID vaccination information, (2) have an approved medical, religious, or outdoor/isolated area work exemption to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, or (3) have not registered any status or exemption request with the UMS COVID-19 Portal before the deadline. Any non-compliance with COVID public health protocols can lead to the initiation of progressive discipline.

Please watch for additional updates as we approach the September 30 deadline and working together, we can ensure a safe and healthy completion of the semester and successful academic year.

Thank you,

Your HR Team

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