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Updated Guidance Posted to Public Health Advisory Website

The University of Maine System and its institutions remain operational, with appropriate safety measures implemented such as remote instruction, remote working for most employees and social distancing when applicable.

The University of Maine System will not be conducting day camps or overnight camps during summer 2020 on campus or at other non-university locations under the University's auspices. (Certain limited exceptions may be granted by campus leadership and campus emergency operations teams for programs in August that serve incoming University first-year students but which may in some instances be referred to as "camps".)

The University of Maine System will begin July 1 allowing additional activities previously curtailed by the pandemic, including:

- Limited group gatherings up to 10 people. Such gatherings must be consistent with the guidance of civil authorities requiring social distancing and face coverings. This topic will be closely monitored in anticipation of implementing further increases in allowable University group size limits within the month of July.
- Community spaces and facilities such as libraries, museums, gyms, computer labs, and study hall spaces may begin opening July 1 consistent with the group gathering guidance above, upon approval by campus leadership and the campus emergency operations team, and in compliance with any other requirements which may be in place by civil authorities in Maine, in particular the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- Retail stores may begin operating July 1 upon approval by campus leadership and the campus emergency operations team, and with any other requirements that may be in place by civil authorities in Maine, in particular the Department of Economic and Community Development. **Note:** Retail stores at this time do not include University food service operations apart from those essential dining operations which

have continued at reduced operations and which may need to do so.

- **Childcare centers:** Any childcare facilities operated by the University, under its auspices or in University facilities and not currently operating may begin opening July 1 upon approval by campus leadership and the campus emergency operations team, and in compliance with any other requirements that may be in place by civil authorities in Maine, in particular the Department of Health and Human Services.

The response to COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly evolving situation even at this stage of the pandemic and this guidance is subject to change. Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to check maine.edu/health-advisory routinely for updates. Employees and students in particular are encouraged to check the relevant sections of the website for information particular to their needs as the University continues to consider its Safe Return planning.

More information is planned and expected to become available over the course of June.



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