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News

Media report on framework for reopening colleges, universities

Published: June 5, 2020

Maine's higher education leaders propose principles for safe fall reopening

Published: June 4, 2020

State partnership overcomes urgent shortage of key N95 mask testing materials

Published: May 15, 2020

Press Herald article on University of Maine System enrollment, completion rates quotes President Ferrini-Mundy

Published: May 12, 2020

President Ferrini-Mundy recent guest on WVOM's 'George Hale and Ric Tyler Show'

Published: May 12, 2020

UMS Scientific Advisory Board

The UMS Scientific Advisory Board, established by University of Maine System Chancellor Dan Malloy, was formed to stay fully abreast of fast-breaking scientific and medical developments in areas relevant for universities and the COVID-19 pandemic, including vaccine development, diagnostic and serology testing, antiviral treatments, transmission mitigation, contact tracing, and others. The board meets with the UMS Planning Group twice a week.

The team has provided evidence-based information on the COVID-19 pandemic in briefs for the Chancellor and serves as an expert resource to the 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee to discuss science-based approaches to safely welcome students, faculty, staff and the public back to our universities. The team has also presented to the Maine Legislature and other groups, including UMaine Faculty Senate Representatives and the UMaine VPR Research Continuation Task Force.

Members of the UMS Scientific Advisory Board



Melissa Maginnis (lead)
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Kristy Townsend
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Caitlin Howell
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Joan Ferrini-Mundy (chair)
 President of the University of Maine
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News and information

- [Register to watch the BioME webinar, 'The Science of COVID-19' on-demand](#)
- [Maginnis an expert on upcoming BioME 'The Science of COVID-19' webinar \(May 11, 2020\)](#)
- [UMaine aids Bangor Public Health by providing vetted coronavirus research, updates \(April 6, 2020\)](#)

Reports and presentations

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- [The Science of COVID-19 webinar \(May 28, 2020\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Board Legislature Presentation \(May 21, 2020\)](#)
- ['The Maine Question' podcast looks at why viruses go viral \(April 13, 2020\)](#)

Media citations

- [Mainebiz previews BioME COVID-19 webinar featuring Maginnis \(May 28, 2020\)](#)
- [WABI, WVII interview UMaine professors, students about vetting information for Bangor Public Health \(April 13, 2020\)](#)
- [Maginnis talks with WVII about origins of coronavirus names \(March 27, 2020\)](#)
- [BDN speaks with Maginnis about how to teach kids about COVID-19 \(March 19, 2020\)](#)

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