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# University System Targets Prohibited Student Parties

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*Attending or hosting functions or social gatherings that exceed state group-size limitations may be deemed a violation of the University of Maine System Student Conduct Code for endangering public health and safety, disciplinary action may include suspension or dismissal*

Orono, Maine — The University of Maine System posted [new student guidance](#) today making it clear that attending or hosting a party or function that exceeds Maine's group-size limitations may be deemed a violation of the UMS Student Conduct Code for endangering public health and safety. Students who host or promote prohibited events at any venue, including private residences, may face suspension or dismissal.

Maine's public universities are eager to safely welcome students, faculty, and staff back to campus for a fall semester that begins August 31. Education and engagement are the primary focus of the unprecedented student and public health safety campaigns underway as part of the University System's [Together For Maine Plan](#).

University of Maine System Chancellor Dannel Malloy and the Presidents of Maine's public universities are [welcoming students back to campus](#) by encouraging participation and student leadership in the University's public health campaign.

The majority of residential students begin arriving in earnest next week as part of a carefully coordinated screening and move-in plan across the campuses. The new student guidance on prohibited parties and events makes it clear that off-campus adherence to common-sense safety practices and state-issued group-size limitations is mandatory.

At the University of Maine more than 5,000 students have signed the [Black Bear Pact](#) and student and greek organizations are working closely with Student Life on activity planning for the semester.

"We have been working with our student population, including fraternities and sororities, to set expectations and foster engagement around our safety practices," said Robert Dana, Vice President of Student Life and Inclusive Excellence at UMaine. "As students arrive and as classes begin we will be making it very clear that every member of the university must share a commitment to public health and safety no matter where they are. Together we are a strong community and the health and safety of our students and surrounding communities is our sole focus."

The [Healthy Huskies Initiative](#) at the University of Southern Maine is an example of the public and student health planning and engagement that has been underway since April at Maine's public universities.

"Our students, their families, and our community partners can be assured that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe this semester," said Rodney Mondor, the Dean of Students at USM. "COVID can come from anywhere and protecting our universities requires us all to make responsible choices both on and off campus."

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