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Health Advisory – Coronavirus Disease 2019



Resources For Students

- For Everyone
- For Students
- For Employees
- For Travelers

UMS Campus Specific Information

- University of Maine
- University of Maine at Augusta
- University of Maine at Farmington
- University of Maine at Fort Kent
- University of Maine at Machias
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- University of Southern Maine
- University of Maine School of Law

Public Health Resources

- Maine Center for Disease Control — Coronaviruses
- CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Announcements

- Working Remotely Guidance Through June 30th Posted
May 18, 2020
- University To Update Guidance Based on Governor Mills' Plan To Restart the Maine Economy
April 29, 2020
- CARES Act Distribution to Students Expected Week of May 4
April 24, 2020
- UMS Forms Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee
April 20, 2020
- COVID-19 Academic Responses and Accommodations
April 18, 2020
- Universities Developing CARES Act Distribution and Fee Adjustment Policies
April 14, 2020
- New Community Resource Guide for Adult Learners and Employees
April 10, 2020
- Summer Sessions To Be Offered Online
April 7, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Our Continued Commitment to UMS Employees
April 3, 2020
- Student Fee Adjustment and Rebate Policy by April 15
April 1, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Celebrating Commencement During the COVID-19 Pandemic
March 30, 2020
- Pass/Fail Options Extended At UMS Universities
March 25, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: We're All in This Together
March 24, 2020
- Mills Administration, Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Response to COVID-19
March 24, 2020
- Identifying University Resources and Materials for the COVID Response Effort
March 23, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Full Pay Commitment to Regular Employees Through April 4
March 19, 2020
- Universities Inventorying Resources for Maine's Coronavirus Response
March 19, 2020
- Universities Transition Employees To Remote Work Thursday, March 19
March 18, 2020
- UMS To Continue Paying Federal Work Study Students
March 18, 2020
- Spring Break Extended Two Days: Classes Resume March 25th
March 18, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Working Remotely and March 25 Start of Classes
March 18, 2020
- Room and Board Adjustments and Rebates
March 17, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Focusing on Faculty and Staff Needs
March 17, 2020
- UMS Technology Resource Update
March 16, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy: Event Restrictions On Gatherings and Other Updates
March 12, 2020
- Student Room and Board Refunds: UMS posting guidance before Noon on Wednesday, March 18th
March 12, 2020
- Travel Assistance Hotline for UMS Employees and Students
March 11, 2020
- Chancellor Malloy Message on Transition to Online Instruction
March 11, 2020
- University UMS COVID-19 Directives prohibit non-essential university air travel, opens residence halls for spring break, sets March 23 deadline for continuity of instruction planning
March 10, 2020
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information University of Maine System
March 9, 2020
- Students and Employees Urged to Update Emergency Contact Information
March 6, 2020
- UMS COVID-19 Guidance on University Travel for Business and Personal Travel
March 5, 2020
- UMS Guidance for International Travelers
March 4, 2020
- Governor Mills Convenes Coronavirus Response Team
March 2, 2020
- Travel Monitoring and Prohibitions: University Travel to Italy Prohibited
March 1, 2020
- We're Making Plans to be Ready for Coronavirus
February 28, 2020

Chancellor Malloy: Emergency payments are on the way (05/01/2020) +

CARES Act Distribution to Students Expected Week of May 4 (04/24/2020) -

The University of Maine System's universities have been [allocated \\$17.2 million in funding through the federal CARES Act](#), which was supported by Maine's Congressional Delegation. The Act requires that half of these dollars (\$8.63 million) go directly to students to cover emergency expenses arising from the disruption in campus operations.

UMS universities will begin distributing CARES Act funds to eligible students starting the week of May 4. Federal guidance precludes the distribution of CARES Act funds to international students, DACA students, and students exclusively enrolled in online programs as of March 13, 2020.

Hybrid Allocation for Distribution

85% for Direct Disbursement Based on Credit Hours: University of Maine System universities will distribute 85% of each university's allocation directly to undergraduate and graduate students based on the number of credit hours a student is taking in the current semester. For the purpose of payments students will be grouped in three tiers:

- Tier 1: 0.1 – 5.99 credit hours
- Tier 2: 6- 11.99 credit hours
- Tier 3: 12-plus credit hours

Non-degree students, employees receiving UMS Employee tuition benefits, and Early College students will NOT be eligible for CARES Act payments. Payments to students will vary based on university allocations and tier-level. Many students will receive a payment of a few hundred dollars.

15% for Student Emergencies: UMS universities will set aside 15% of the available CARES Act funding for emergency payments to meet critical student needs. Students will be able to apply on their respective campuses for emergency funds until the resources are expended.

Maine Law: The University of Maine School of Law will distribute 52% of its CARES Act student funding directly to students and use the remainder of the student resources to support emergency fund requests.

Direct Deposit: Students are urged to sign up for Direct Deposit immediately to expedite disbursements and receipt of payments. Students can visit this [resource guide](#) for instructions on how to sign up for Direct Deposit.

CARES Act Distribution Concludes Payments to Students: The University of Maine System has previously paid more than \$12.7 million in student Room and Board adjustments and refunds back to its residential students. The universities have also maintained commitments to pay nearly 5,000 federal work study and non-federal work study students through the semester. The CARES Act direct payments to students concludes planned reimbursements and/or payments for students for the spring 2020 semester.

(Last reviewed/updated: 04/24/2020)

COVID-19 Academic Responses and Accommodations (04/21/2020) +

Universities Developing CARES Act Distribution and Fee Adjustment Policies (04/17/2020) +

Pay for Non Federal Work Study Student Employees (03/25/2020) +

Extended Pass/Fail Options for Students (03/25/2020) +

46% Room and Board Credit Adjustment to Student Accounts (03/25/2020) +

Federal Work Student Information (03/18/2020) +

Spring Break Extension: Classes Start March 25 (03/17/2020) +

Direct Deposit (03/16/2020) +

Resources for Mental and Emotional Well-Being (03/14/2020) +

Vacating Residence Halls Over Spring Break (03/13/2020) +