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UMSpaceSafe Update

1 message

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for using the [UMSpaceSafe](#) app as part of our research community's shared commitment to each other and the public. Based on questions and suggestions received we would like to inform you about the following updates to UMSpaceSafe.

Significant changes to UMSpaceSafe and use policies can be found in the full announcement on the [UMSpaceSafe](#) website, but include:

- Only need to log co-use of space (planned or unplanned), not time spent alone
- Time to co-occupy a space without checking-in extended to max of 15 minutes (assuming other safety measures)
- Rolling purge of space use records (records last 30 days)
- Ability to edit check-ins and check-outs of spaces
- Ability to define "suites" or space clusters for check-ins and check-outs
- Signage to post in and around research and scholarly spaces
- Option to document non-UMS personnel or non-researchers as guests

The goal of UMSpaceSafe is to reduce initial response time to any reported COVID-19 case from days to hours. For this reason, the OVPRDGS requests that all UMaine and UMM researchers/scholars (faculty, staff and students) use UMSpaceSafe while undertaking research and scholarly projects conducted through the [phased research continuity plan](#). The speed and completeness of the University's response to a case of COVID-19 in our community is the biggest determinant in slowing or stopping an outbreak. Although most of you are likely keeping local records or calendars of space use, these records may not be quickly accessible when a case is reported. Time matters!

A major change for the use of this app is that it is now primarily encouraged for tracking where people will be [sharing](#) research and scholarly spaces (e.g. rooms or field sites) for more than 15 minutes (planned or unplanned), consistent with Maine CDC contact tracing guidelines. You do not need to check into the app for periods where you will be working alone in a research space, but do if you are joined by others. Please read more information on these use policies in the full announcement on the [UMSpaceSafe](#) website.

Your privacy and data security are of the highest importance. The information collected by UMSpaceSafe will ONLY be used for safety purposes, specifically to slow or stop a COVID-19 outbreak. The data you provide can be accessed by a limited set of response team personnel to provide data to the Maine CDC, and lab and building managers. The UMSpaceSafe app is hosted on secure UMaine servers. In addition, we are implementing a process to purge records on a rolling 30-day schedule.

Please view the [full announcement of our updates](#). For updated FAQs and further information, please visit the [UMSpaceSafe](#) website.

For technical issues, please contact Andy Kay, the technical manager of UMSpaceSafe (andrew.kay@maine.edu). For other requests, please contact research@maine.edu. If you are having issues with your maine.edu account, please contact help@maine.edu.

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