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UMS Chancellor Malloy’s update, March 12

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University of Maine Chancellor Dan Malloy provided an update on the statewide response of the state’s public universities to the global coronavirus pandemic. His full letter is online.

Among the updates:

**Pass/Fail Option for Students:** We are very conscious of supporting our students through the academic transition coming up. To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 disruptions through the transition, a pass/fail option is being considered for students enrolled in spring classes. Our universities will provide more information for students when these options are finalized.

**Event Restrictions:** In addition to our previous public health directives, effective tomorrow at 5 p.m. and through Sunday, April 12, UMS will follow Governor Mills’s recommendation to postpone all gatherings expected to or actually involving 250 attendees or more. This restriction includes any events on university property, events being hosted by the university in a nonuniversity location, and official participation by university students, staff and faculty in such events regardless of location.

**Practice Social Distancing:** UMS strongly encourages all members of its community to learn about and practice social distancing, such as avoiding large crowds, staying home if you are sick, and avoiding close contact (nearer than 6 feet) to other people. Please review the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance regarding keeping yourself safe here.

**Understand Risk Factors:** According to the CDC, older Americans and individuals with certain preexisting health conditions are at higher risk for COVID-19. Please take time to review information about those risk factors and actions which individuals at higher risk can take.