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*March 9, 2020 | Coronavirus, UMS*

The University of Maine System has posted the latest information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The update includes information specific to UMS employees and campus events:

**UMS employee information** UMS has flexible, nonpunitive leave policies for students and staff affected by COVID-19.

- Employees are encouraged to stay home when ill and to leave work if they become ill.
- Employees may stay home and, if feasible, work remotely when sick or caring for sick household members. Employees should discuss remote work arrangements with their supervisor.
- UMS will continue to monitor state and federal agency guidance, and adjust work and leave practices as appropriate. In the meantime, information regarding paid leave and Family Medical Leave (FML) can be found at the [campus benefits page](https://campusbenefits.ums.edu).
- Continue to encourage welcoming environments for ALL members of our community.

**Do campus events need to be canceled?** If you are sick, stay home from events. At this time, there is no requirement to cancel school or social events. At this time, there are no restrictions on public gatherings. Event planners should develop backup plans, consider how to incorporate social distancing, and other types of pivoting as regional confirmed case numbers increase. All members of our community should be prepared to adjust if restrictions on gatherings are adopted and implemented.

**Members of the University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias communities asked to self-isolate:** If you have been asked to self-isolate from a medical provider in relation to coronavirus and are awaiting test results, please voluntarily contact your campus representative Richard Young (ryoung@maine.edu; 207.356.2518) to help inform the campus community.

**How will I be informed if there is a case on campus?** It is recommended to update information regarding emergency notifications in your emergency alerts profile. Follow the [link for instructions](https://campusalerts.ums.edu). Updates will be posted on the University of Maine System health advisory site and through other applicable communication channels, such as email.