

The University of Maine

DigitalCommons@UMaine

Community Guidance

University of Maine System Communications

4-29-2021

UMS_Community Guidance_Everyone - Together for Maine_When do I need to wear a face covering on campus?

University of Maine System

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/c19_guidance



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#), [History Commons](#), and the [Medicine and Health Sciences Commons](#)

Repository Citation

University of Maine System, "UMS_Community Guidance_Everyone - Together for Maine_When do I need to wear a face covering on campus?" (2021). *Community Guidance*. 79.

https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/c19_guidance/79

This Webpage is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Community Guidance by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.



Everyone

Together for Maine Plan

- Home
- Chancellor's Message
- Safe Return Planning
- Unifying Principles
- Informational Videos
- Safe Return Committees

Community Guidance

- Everyone
- Students
- Employees
- Travelers

Recent Updates

[Together for Maine Daily Briefing and COVID-19 Data Update: 5/6/21](#)
May 7, 2021

[Together for Maine Daily Briefing and COVID-19 Data Update: 5/5/21](#)
May 5, 2021

[Together for Maine Daily Briefing and COVID-19 Data Update: 5/4/21](#)
May 4, 2021

Earlier Updates

- [May 2021 \(4\)](#)
- [April 2021 \(21\)](#)
- [March 2021 \(22\)](#)
- [February 2021 \(20\)](#)
- [January 2021 \(6\)](#)
- [December 2020 \(9\)](#)
- [November 2020 \(30\)](#)
- [October 2020 \(31\)](#)
- [September 2020 \(28\)](#)
- [August 2020 \(11\)](#)
- [June 2020 \(1\)](#)
- [April 2020 \(9\)](#)
- [March 2020 \(25\)](#)
- [February 2020 \(1\)](#)

For Everyone

When do I need to wear a face covering on campus? (04/29/2021)

Required: Face coverings are required at all times when indoors on University property or in University administered facilities. More details, exceptions and information are below. This applies to anyone present: students, staff, faculty, guests and all other individuals.

Recommended: Face coverings are recommended but not required when outdoors in circumstances that make physical distancing difficult to maintain.

Not needed: Face coverings are not required when outdoors in circumstances when physical distancing is readily maintained.

These updates, effective April 29, 2021, are in keeping with updated orders of Maine civil authorities as announced April 27. These changes do not alter the University's physical distancing requirements. Physical distancing and group gathering requirements are described elsewhere on the [Together for Maine](#) web site.

In more detail regarding face coverings, they are required at all times when indoors on University of Maine System campuses, property and facilities, and at all other times when indoors on University business.

When face coverings are required to be worn, they are to be the type commonly recommended by public health officials. These are generally made of multiple layers of cloth, which cover the nose, mouth and chin and are secured either with ear loops or with ties behind the head.

The University asks everyone to aim for not mere technical compliance with the face covering requirement but rather to meet the spirit and intention of the face covering requirement when wearing your own face covering.

University of Maine System students and employees should also refer to the related guidance in the ["For Students"](#) or ["For Employees"](#) sections of this Together for Maine web site.

Current exceptions to the University's face covering requirement include:

1. When a person is alone in an office or other room with a closed door;
2. When eating or drinking in a space where eating or drinking is permitted;
3. When a medical accommodation has been granted by appropriate University officials;
4. When a situation (i.e. childcare settings) or a person (i.e. children younger than 2) are specifically exempted by Maine civil authorities; or,

In other special circumstances as may be determined by campus leadership. University of Maine System students and employees should also refer to the related guidance in the ["For Students"](#) or ["For Employees"](#) sections of this Together for Maine web site.

Additionally, individuals also are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering off campus as required and recommended by Maine civil authorities and to follow the recommendations of public health experts. When circumstances are unknown or uncertain, wearing a face covering and having a cloth face covering available in case needed will allow individuals best to meet these directives and recommendations.

(Last reviewed/updated: 04/29/2021)

University of Maine System and campuses summer 2021 general operations (04/29/2021)	+
University of Maine System group gathering limits and campuses spring 2021 general operations (04/02/2021)	+
University of Maine System and campuses fall 2021 general operations (03/10/2021)	+
How Will the University Communicate? (03/09/2021)	+
Updating Your Contact Information (03/09/2021)	+

Campus-Specific Return Information

