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# Everyone

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## For Everyone

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University of Maine System and campuses summer 2021 general operations (05/21/2021) -

University instruction and operations have continued throughout the pandemic, they are continuing today, sometimes in new and different ways, and they will continue through the summer 2021 semester, to promote both safety and the ability of students, faculty and staff to be together.

The University of Maine System and its institutions will hold a variety of in-person courses and programs this summer with appropriate safety and operational measures implemented, such as a combination of remote and in-person work, instruction, and research, along with physical distancing, face coverings and other such pandemic protocols during summer 2021.

The University of Maine System currently has various overall special provisions in place regarding its general operations and in-person activities, including:

- **Testing:** The University will continue proactive asymptomatic testing of its in-person students, staff and faculty during summer 2021. For special summer programs, in general, testing also will be required for those staying overnight for 3 or more consecutive nights in a university facility or university administered program. Individual programs should be contacted for specific applicable requirements. Fully-vaccinated individuals may be exempted from routine testing. Students, staff and faculty should refer to their specific sections of this web site for information regarding how "fully vaccinated" is defined and how to submit vaccination verification.
- **Physical distancing:** Effective May 24, the Universities general physical distancing requirement will be removed in keeping with and except as otherwise required by Maine civil authorities. University personnel and program leaders should monitor the guidance of public health authorities and Maine civil authorities, and should use and adhere to the guidance when and as applicable. Individual Universities may continue to implement physical distancing requirements if circumstances or particular situations warrant. Until May 24, the University will continue to follow physical distancing guidelines that include maintaining 6 feet between individuals at indoor and outdoor events.
- **General group size limits:** Effective May 24 the University of Maine System will remove all pandemic-related group gathering limits, in keeping with the guidance of Maine civil authorities. Until then, the University continues to follow the capacity which are in place per civil authorities. Each University may continue to limit group gatherings on campus for any specific University event or gathering below this maximum level as circumstances may warrant.
- **Public access to campus:** While the pandemic is easing and pandemic protocols overall are being lifted, members of the public are alerted that each University may yet be curtailing access to various facilities, such as fitness facilities, bookstores, libraries and other facilities. Any member of the public who plans to come to campus or who has an appointment scheduled on campus, is encouraged to confirm in advance with the campus they are visiting that they will be able to carry out the purpose of their visit before making the trip. University dining facilities are not open to the public at this time.

Within this commitment to civil requirements and safety, the University System is conducting in-person instruction, day camps, overnight camps and other in-person programming at its facilities or under its auspices during summer 2021. Instruction, research, programs, camps, and other summer activities are not necessarily expected to operate in-person universally, but on a case-by-case basis. Instruction is expected to continue as it has for the current academic year as a mix of in-person and alternative modalities for summer 2021. Beyond for-credit instruction, only programs and activities which can meet the: a) guidance of Maine civil authorities for that particular activity, b) requirements of each University's pandemic response team, and c) head institutional leader, such as President or Dean, shall operate. This means decisions about in-person activities may vary between institutions and within institutions. Interested individuals should also check with the specific programs that interest them. The University System does expect to conduct its customary programs for incoming university first-year students. These are distinguishable from day or overnight summer camps serving other populations, but these first-year programs may in some instances or practices be referred to as "camps."

This guidance applies to activities within the State of Maine. Summer programs, instruction or activities involving domestic travel outside of Maine are first subject to the University's pandemic travel limits and guidance, which is detailed under the travel section of this website. The response to COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly evolving situation and this guidance is subject to change. Guidance for vaccinated individuals is changing especially rapidly and may prompt further updates in the University's practices. Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to check [Together for Maine](#) routinely for updates. Employees and students in particular are encouraged to check the relevant sections of the website for information particular to their needs.

Students and families are encouraged to check with the specific program of interest to them for the most current and accurate information regarding summer programs.

Employees and students in particular are encouraged to check the relevant sections of the website for information particular to their needs as the University System continues its pandemic planning and response.

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