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UMS Return to Campus Guide for Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees (PDF)

Black Bears Care Plan (PDF)

The Framework for Reopening Maine's Colleges and Universities in Fall 2020 (PDF)

Friday Futurecasts and Updates from Campus Leaders

COVID-19 Community Update from President Ferrini-Mundy – November 7

Published: November 7, 2020

Friday Futurecast – November 6

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COVID-19 Community Update from President Ferrini-Mundy – November 5

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Friday Futurecast – October 30

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Move out of residence halls by Nov. 25

November 3, 2020 | [Fall semester information and updates](#)

UMaine residence halls will close to students at 8 a.m., Nov. 25 as the university transitions to fully online learning. Residential students need to plan to vacate the halls no later than this time and should take with them all belongings they will need for the duration of break. Access to the residence halls during break is not permitted.

A very limited number of rooms will be available for residential students with a demonstrated critical need for emergency semester break accommodation. These rooms will be located in Knox Hall; not in the hall in which students are currently assigned. Moving will be necessary. Students who require accommodations for any period of time during the semester break (Nov. 25, 2020–Jan. 24, 2021) must apply and be approved for emergency break housing in order to stay on campus. The link to the emergency break housing application is [here](#). Applications will be accepted through Nov. 6. Students should expect a decision regarding their application by email on or after Nov. 13.

For those approved for emergency break housing, the following policies will apply:

- Students will be required to test and quarantine as directed by the university.
- Students will be assigned to a double room as a single.
- Students will move to their emergency break assignment between Nov. 21–22, 2020.
- Students will not have access to their original residence hall during the semester break.
- No guests are permitted in the residence hall for any length of time.
- Students will be charged for their housing as follows (recall all residential students received a room/board refund or reduction at the beginning of the fall semester):
 - (Nov. 25–Dec. 18) \$25.48/night
 - (Dec. 18–31) \$50 flat fee
 - (Jan. 1–semester start) \$50 flat fee
- Students will be required to carry a meal plan in the amount of \$500 in dining funds to be used in the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union, which will be open for the duration of break. Hours of operation are TBA. There are no other dining options on campus.
- Students will be required to park cars in lots designated as break parking and to move their cars as directed to accommodate snow removal.
- Student travel will be restricted while in emergency break housing. Details are TBA.
- Students will be expected to adhere to the [Guide to Campus Living](#), [Student Conduct Code](#), and [Black Bear Pact](#).
- Students must test and move back to their permanent assignment as scheduled by the university. Details will be provided via email to students.

Students who are approved for emergency break housing will sign an addendum to the housing agreement that further outlines these policies. Students must adhere to any expectations outlined in the addendum or they will be referred to the student conduct process and may lead to the suspension of emergency break housing privileges.

Contact [building staff](#) with any questions or concerns you have regarding hall closing or the break housing application process.

