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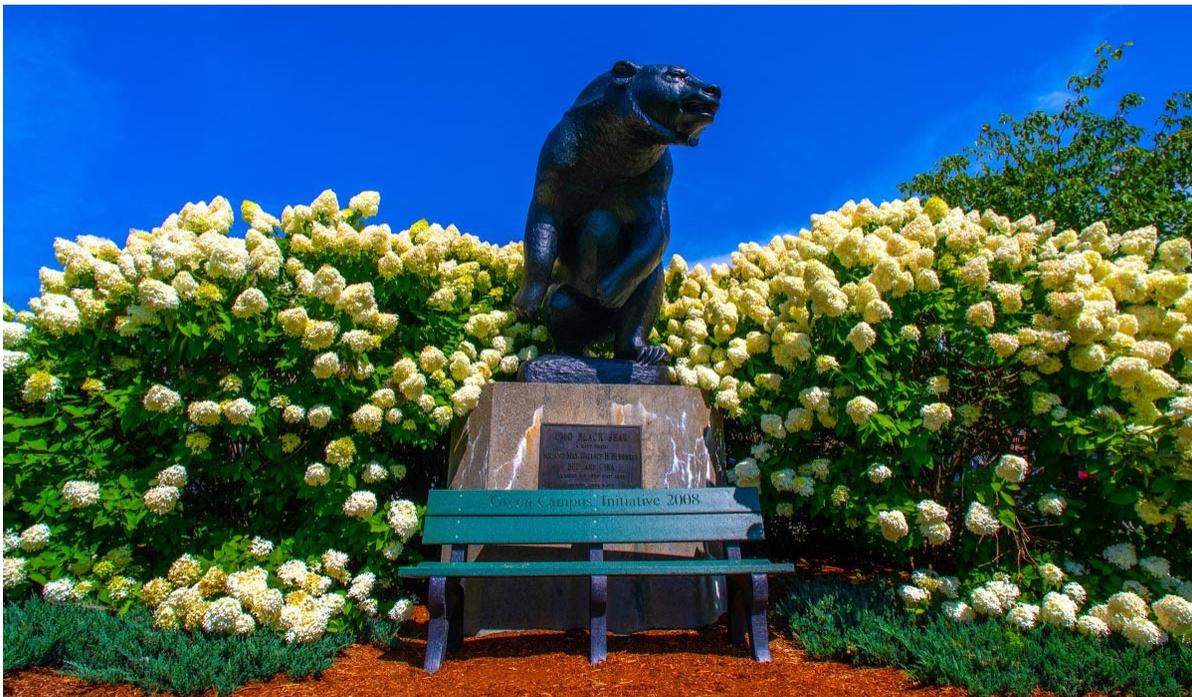
## Friday Futurecast — October 22

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# Friday Futurecast

**Health and safety update for university community members**

Welcome to this week's Friday Futurecast

These updates are archived on the UMaine [COVID-19 website](#). The University of Maine at Machias also has a [COVID-19 website](#).

Message from President Joan Ferrini-Mundy:

Dear members of the UMaine and UMaine Machias communities,

I want to extend my gratitude to all members of our university communities who

have taken the steps necessary to maintain community health and well-being on our campuses and in our facilities statewide this fall. As of Thursday, we are working with 126 off-campus UMaine students to confirm their vaccination or exemption status. At UMaine Machias, we are reaching out to two off-campus students. We appreciate the efforts of our students and the Division of Student Life team in helping everyone meet the requirements of the vaccination policy.

Thank you, too, to our part-time and full-time employees who are on-site. As of Thursday, Human Resources is now working with nine part-time and full-time UMaine Machias employees; 197 part-time and 88 full-time UMaine employees to confirm their vaccination or exemption status.

Our compliance efforts, coupled with our asymptomatic and symptomatic testing every week, make our universities among the safest places to learn, work and visit.

We will gather on Oct. 26 for Fall Convocation to formally greet our new community members in the Class of 2025. Details about the event are below.

All you have done and continue to do is greatly appreciated. And important.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Joan Ferrini-Mundy

### **Partnering to address health**

- UMaine and UMaine Machias community members in compliance with our COVID-19 vaccination requirements can use [PointnClick](#) to show their COVID-19 compliance status when attending non-class-related, indoor events in university facilities with more than 250 participants. Check your account for your clearance status, which reflects your compliance with vaccination and testing requirements.

### **Transparent and continuing communication**

- Reminder: There continues to be an increasing number of positive cases in the past two weeks in and around our campus communities. This upward trend of positive cases is being experienced in fully vaccinated students and employees. As a means of monitoring overall campus well-being in our university communities, all UMaine and UMaine Machias students and employees, regardless of your vaccination status, are encouraged to participate in weekly campus-based asymptomatic COVID-19 testing. Please schedule appointments via [PointnClick](#). For

any university community members who are symptomatic, please seek a test at Cutler Health Center or from your primary care physician. At UMaine, community members also can schedule symptomatic COVID-19 tests via [PointnClick](#), which will be administered outside the Estabrooke Hall testing entrance at the designated tent. Follow the instructions posted at the Estabrooke entrance for symptomatic testing.

### **In-person, on-campus experiences and other learning modes**

- UMaine's Culturefest, a celebration of countries and cultures, will be held 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Oct. 23 on the Mall. [More information is online.](#)
- The McGillicuddy Humanities Center is sponsoring a Fall Poetry Pop Up at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 23. The open mic poetry reading will be held outdoors at the Orono Village Green amphitheater, 39 Pine St. The event, which is free and open to the public, welcomes poets of all ages to share their work.
- [UMaine School of Performing Arts event details are online](#), including the upcoming Jazz Night and Orchestra Concert, both in Minsky Recital Hall, and the Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band performance in Hutchins Concert Hall.
- In UMaine Athletics, the men's ice hockey team hosts Sacred Heart in the home opener for the Black Bears today at 7:35 p.m. The game can be seen locally on ABC 7-Bangor and WPXT-Portland, will be live streamed on [College Sports Live](#), and can be heard on the Black Bears Sports Network (103.9 FM) and at [GoBlackBears.com](#). The football team travels to take on UAlbany on Saturday at 1 p.m., live on [FloSports](#) and heard across the Black Bears Sports Network and nationally at [GoBlackBears.com](#). The women's ice hockey team travels to meet Boston College at 2 p.m. Saturday, live on [College Sports Live](#). Men's ice hockey closes out its weekend series with Sacred Heart on Saturday at 5:05 p.m., live on [College Sports Live](#) and heard nationally on the Black Bears Sports Network and at [GoBlackBears.com](#). Field hockey meets Dartmouth in a nonconference match at 1 p.m. on Sunday on [ESPN+](#). Women's soccer hosts Hartford for its Senior Day game at 1 p.m. on Sunday, live on [ESPN+](#).
  - Reminder: Per health and safety guidance, all guests attending home hockey and basketball events must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within the previous 72 hours. Patrons must wear a face covering prior to entry to — and in — the indoor venues. [More information is online.](#)

### **Flexibility, responsiveness, empathy, and science**

- Registration begins Oct. 25 for UMaine and UMaine Machias Winter Session. The three-week term runs Dec. 27–Jan. 14. Over 60 online courses will be offered. Courses are now available to view on MaineStreet. More information is [online](#).
- UMaine spring 2022 course enrollment begins Oct. 25; UMaine Machias spring course enrollment begins Nov 1.

### Continuing our missions for Maine

- Jessica Miller, UMaine associate provost for academic affairs and faculty development, will participate in a “Maine Calling” program on Oct. 26 on the topic of COVID-19 vaccine mandates in Maine. Miller is a certified clinical ethicist with 20 years of experience as a bioethicist in the health care sector. In her role as associate provost, she supports faculty, staff and students in COVID-related policies. The Maine Public Radio program is heard at 11 a.m., with a rebroadcast at 7 p.m.
- Chancellor Dannel Malloy and his leadership team will visit UMaine on Oct. 26 and will lead a Town Hall for faculty and staff from 1:30–3 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. The Chancellor and President Ferrini-Mundy will be joined by UMS and UMaine leadership members, who will present on academic collaborations and priorities, budget development, strategic planning and unified accreditation. The in-person event also will be livestreamed: [youtu.be/5cS\\_zZxgSfE](https://youtu.be/5cS_zZxgSfE). The Chancellor is visiting all of the UMS universities and the University of Maine School of Law as part of his fall 2021 campus tour schedule. He will be at UMaine Machias on Nov. 16.
- Fall Convocation for the UMaine and UMaine Machias communities is 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. The event, with the theme “Connecting Our Past with Our Present and Future,” will feature reflections by President Ferrini-Mundy, Chancellor Malloy, and other campus leaders, and a keynote address by Rena Newell, Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative to the Maine House of Representatives. It is an in-person event and will be livestreamed: [youtu.be/dnRdtnAMNqg](https://youtu.be/dnRdtnAMNqg).

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