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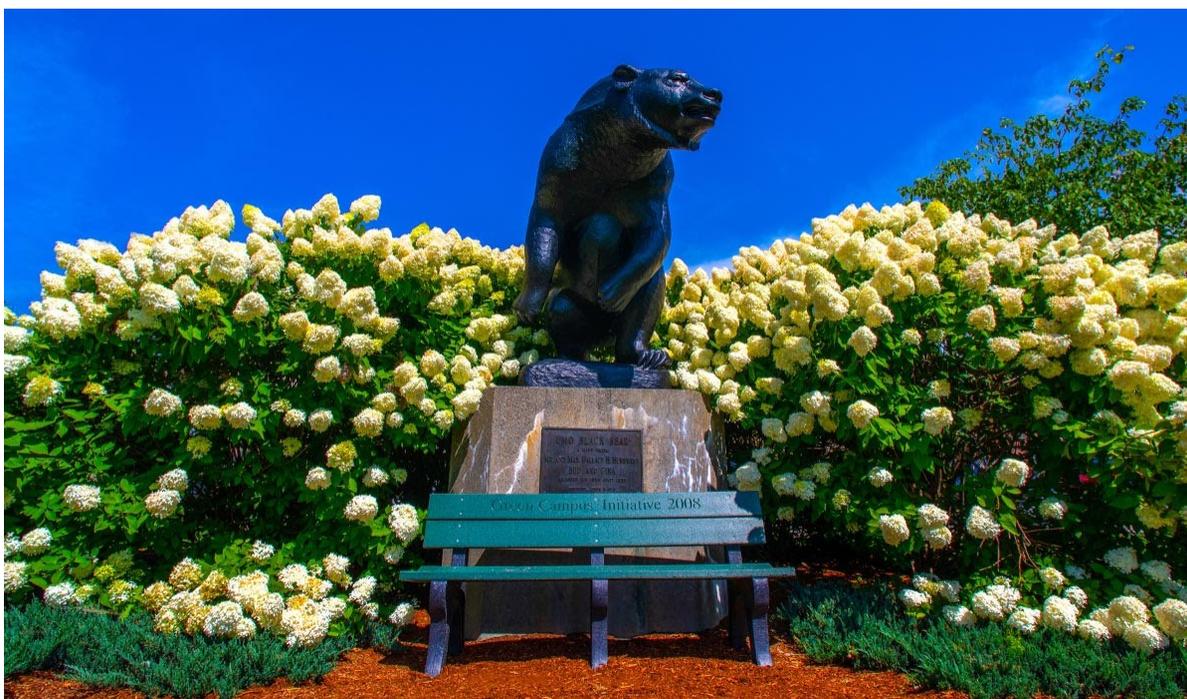
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Friday Futurecast

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,

Even before news of the COVID-19 Omicron variant last week, the positive cases and hospitalizations in Maine were reaching all-time highs. As we have

throughout the pandemic, and now more than ever, we must stay very vigilant about our health and safety protocols. That is particularly important in our university communities to enable us to end the last week of classes and go into finals week as strong as possible.

Please maintain your commitment to wearing face coverings indoors — and not only wearing them, but [wearing the approved masks and wearing them correctly over your nose and mouth](#). Get your COVID booster and flu shot. Continue to practice good hand hygiene and, whenever possible, maintain physical distancing.

At UMaine, we are piloting self-collection COVID testing as an important campus-based resource for any community members who are symptomatic. Please see the details below in the first information point.

Know, too, that as the state's public education system, COVID test samples and results from UMS universities contribute to the Maine CDC's statewide surveillance of the virus, including its variants.

As we enter our last two weeks of the fall semester, our thoughts are with our students and faculty focused on the remaining classes, final papers and capstone projects, and preparing for exams, and all the staff members who support us all.

Be well, healthy and safe.

Joan Ferrini-Mundy

Partnering to address health

- Symptomatic COVID testing at UMaine is now available through university-issued self-collected COVID-19 tests. Pick up and drop off Shield T3 self-collected COVID-19 saliva test kit at Estabrooke Hall, 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. An additional drop-off time at Estabrooke Hall is 1–2 p.m. on Fridays. Read the instructions included in the test kit to understand the process fully before beginning your sample self-collection. [A how-to video is online](#). Note: After collecting your saliva sample, you have 12 hours to 1) activate your kit in [PointnClick](#), the UMS COVID-19 portal, and then 2) drop off your sample at Estabrooke Hall at the times listed above. Instructions for activating your kit:
 - Log into [PointnClick](#) using your UMS username and password.
 - Click the “Home Kit Activation” link in the left-hand menu and continue to the next page.
 - Enter your 12-digit specimen number and 5-digit test kit number, both found under the barcode on the sample tube; note that an error

message will result if numbers are in the incorrect fields and they will need to be reentered.

- Click “Submit” at the bottom of the page to receive a “Success” confirmation.
- Drop off your sample at Estabrooke Hall at the times listed above.

Transparent and continuing communication

- On-campus COVID-19 testing at UMaine and UMaine Machias four days and two days a week, respectively, continues through Dec. 16. Testing days and times during semester break will be announced next week.
- Reminder: For assistance in using [PointnClick](#), including accessing your test results, please visit the [UMS PointnClick Web App User Guide](#) or contact the [US:IT Help Desk](#).

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

- At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Collins Center for the Arts, the School of Performing Arts will present the in-person return of its annual Yuletide Celebration. The tradition features all of the UMaine choral ensembles, including the Oratorio Society, University Singers, Collegiate Chorale and Black Bear Men’s Chorus, performing holiday favorites with the accompaniment of small instrumental ensembles. Nearly 200 singers are expected to take part in this year’s Yuletide Celebration, conducted by School of Performing Arts faculty Francis John Vogt, Danny Williams and Molly Webster. Tickets are \$12 and available at the Collins Center box office or [online](#).
- The School of Performing Arts’ annual Fall Dance Showcase is at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9–11 in Hauck Auditorium, presenting faculty- and student-choreographed works. Tickets are \$12 and available at [ShowTix4U](#).
- In UMaine Athletics, the women’s basketball team hosts Drexel at noon on Saturday at the Cross Insurance Center. The game can be seen on [ESPN+](#) and heard across the [Black Bears Sports Network](#). The women’s ice hockey team hosts Boston College at 2 p.m. on Saturday, live on [College Sports Live](#), while the men’s ice hockey team hosts Vermont at 7 tonight and Saturday night. The men’s hockey game is livestreamed on [College Sports Live](#) and heard on the [Black Bears Sports Network](#). The men’s and women’s track and field teams host New Hampshire in the New Balance Field House, and the men’s and women’s swimming and diving program are at the Maine State Meet, hosted by Colby College. The men’s basketball team is on the road to take on Columbia at 2 p.m. Saturday, seen live on [ESPN+](#) and heard on the [Black Bears Sports Network](#).

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