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Dear University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias community members,

Staying up-to-date with changes in the pandemic and adhering to the latest guidance from public health officials are among the principles that have kept us in-person safely this semester. Now that same principle is being applied to our testing practices with the requirement that students have an up-to-date vaccination status.

Know your status, get your latest possible shot and an exemption from the required weekly COVID-19 testing on campus. Please do it for yourselves and for our community well-being.

Thank you for all you’re doing to help keep learning going and keep us together this semester.

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The University of Maine Return website is an online resource for all COVID-19-related guidance for both our universities. For questions, email umaine.alerts@maine.edu.

Reminders and Notices

Weekly COVID-19 testing for students: As of Feb. 1, students who are on-site and have not yet received their COVID-19 booster shots will participate in weekly COVID-19 testing on campus. According to the CDC, booster shots can be administered at least 5 months after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or at least 2 months after receiving the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Information about getting booster shots after being positive for COVID-19 is online.

Campus-based testing schedules: All UMaine students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, are encouraged to participate in campus-based COVID-19 testing. UMaine asymptomatic test dates in Estabrooke Hall: Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wednesday also 6:30–8:30 a.m. UMaine Machias asymptomatic testing dates in Reynolds Center: Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; Thursday, 2–5 p.m. More information about the on-campus asymptomatic Shield T3 COVID-19 saliva testing for both universities is online. Learn more about self-administered on-campus COVID-19 tests if you are symptomatic. Remember that T3 testing is available on all University of Maine System campuses to our students, faculty and staff. Schedule an appointment via PointnClick.

UMaine’s next walk-in booster clinic: The next Northern Light Pharmacy COVID-19 booster clinic is scheduled for noon–4 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Lown Room, Memorial Union. Members of the UMaine community who received the Moderna, Pfizer or J&J vaccines are urged to participate. Interchanging the type of vaccine with the booster shot is an approved practice. Information about what to bring to your appointment is online.

COVID-19 employee protocols updated: On Friday, UMS updated its employee health and safety guidance.