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The [Portland Press Herald](#), [Bangor Daily News](#), [Mainebiz](#), [Associated Press](#), [Daily Bulldog](#), [News Center Maine](#) and [WAGM-TV](#) in Presque Isle quoted Joan Ferrini-Mundy, vice chancellor for research and innovation for the University of Maine System and president of the University of Maine, in reports about UMS' plan to usher in a more traditional fall semester across its campuses. "What you're hearing about the checking in and new events designed to be consistent with pandemic rules, we're going to take the very best that we've learned from all of that and continue it on top of getting back to normal," said Ferrini-Mundy, who also chairs the UMS Science Advisory Board and UMS Vaccine and Planning Partnership Task Force. "COVID-19 vaccinations are important for our overall health and community well-being." Jim McClymer, the president of the Associated Faculties of the Universities of Maine, spoke to the Press Herald and [Maine Public](#) about the UMS initiative. "If we can lower the prevalence of people getting sick, I think people are really excited about getting back to a full college experience that recognizes the value of people interacting on a college campus," he said to the Press Herald. [The Telegraph](#) and [My Journal Courier](#) shared the AP report. [Yahoo! News](#) shared the BDN report. [WABI](#) (Channel 5), [New England Cable News](#), [Q106.5 FM](#), [WGME](#) (Channel 13 in Portland) and [The County](#) also reported on the system's plan.

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