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## Guidance for faculty and staff

### When do classes start this fall on campus?

UMaine classes start Aug. 31. A University of Maine System news release announcing the return to campus is [online](#).

### What will the 2020–21 academic calendar look like?

The [updated 2020–21 academic calendar](#) is online.

### Is there guidance for employees returning to campus, and UMaine offices and facilities statewide? NEW

The University of Maine System has an online "[Return to Campus Training Guide](#)," and a [series of UMS Return to Campus videos](#), with [ASL versions](#). The July 6 human resources communication in connection with the UMS Together for Maine initiative is [online](#).

### Will UMaine and UMM all be returning to work in July?

We will have a staged return to work on campus and in our offices statewide, and we will provide more guidance when it becomes available. Know that on July 1, we will not all be working on campus.

### How are buildings being reopened on campus? What should building occupants know?

Ryan Ward, assistant director of general services in Facilities Management, is leading the efforts to reopen buildings on campus. That includes the posting of entrance and egress doors, and setting floor traffic patterns according to COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Building managers and other community members are asked to coordinate the reopening of their facilities by contacting Ryan ([roger.ward@maine.edu](mailto:roger.ward@maine.edu)).

### Is there a procedure for authorizing employees to return to work in July?

UMaine Cabinet members and deans are responsible for requesting specific employees return to work on campus and for submitting plans to the [UMaine emergency operations center](#) (EOC). Return to work-related questions for the EOC can be submitted to [um.eoc@maine.edu](mailto:um.eoc@maine.edu). UMaine, UMM and UMS are following state and federal health and safety guidelines, and guidance from Maine civil authorities. Our EOC and Science Advisory Board are working closely with the [UMS Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee](#) to develop operational plans and protocols to safely welcome students, employees, and the public back to campus.

### Will the university provide face coverings required for employees while on campus?

Yes. Two reusable cloth face coverings will be made available to each UMaine and UMM employee on return to campus. Colleges and departments can use the online [COVID-19 Essential Supplies Request Form](#) to order as-needed supplies, such as hand sanitizer, cloth face coverings, disposable surgical face masks, clear hygiene barriers and social distancing floor signs.

### Should individual employees be using the supplies request form to place PPE orders in order to conduct research and other activities specific to their research groups?

No. The [COVID-19 Essential Supplies Request Form](#) was not designed for individuals to order supplies. UMaine's Emergency Operations Center supply chain was developed to document all supplies directly relate to the COVID 19 mitigation efforts. Depending how a division is organized, unit supervisors or above should be the only ones placing orders. Those orders should also intersect with your Return to Work plan and be based on calculated—not perceived—need. In addition, we cannot acquire items not listed under this process. All other expenditures need to follow regular channels.

