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Black Bears Care Plan (PDF)

The Framework for Reopening Maine's Colleges and Universities in Fall 2020 (PDF)

Friday Futurecasts and Updates from Campus Leaders

Friday Futurecast – January 8

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What is the latest information about the return to campus for the spring semester?

January 8, 2021 | [Faculty, staff and students, Spring semester information and updates](#)

In his Jan. 8 community message, Chancellor Malloy noted:

We expect to begin the spring 2021 semester as planned on Jan. 25, requiring those traveling from out of state to bring a negative COVID test from within 72 hours with them. We will also be testing all residential, out-of-state, and special and on-campus populations to ensure we do not introduce COVID to our university communities. This will also ensure our ability to conduct contact tracing and appropriately support isolation and quarantine of people who require such precautions.

More importantly, through a new testing partnership with a fellow institution of higher education that will be announced soon, we expect to have a mobile testing laboratory on site in Maine this month and in use early in the semester that will allow UMS staff and our testing partners to more quickly process our own COVID saliva test results from all of our universities and in much higher numbers.

Thanks to additional resources authorized by Governor Mills, we will be in a position to test and report results promptly for every member of our on-campus communities every week — a testing schedule that we believe is critical to maximizing everyone's safety while maintaining our academic operations through the current state of the pandemic.

Read the Chancellor's entire message [online](#).

