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Welcome to this week's Friday Futurecast.

These updates are archived on the UMaine [Fall '20-Spring '21 website](#). The University of Maine at Machias also has a [Fall '20-Spring '21 website](#).

Message from President Joan Ferrini-Mundy:

Dear members of the UMaine and UMM communities,

As we navigate through the last two weeks of this semester, I again extend my appreciation to everyone in these communities for their great ability to work collaboratively to experience a productive, safe and healthy teaching and learning experience.

We will continue to check in with you and monitor how we are progressing now that we have transitioned to a largely remote-learning environment. Programs that provide in-person laboratory, testing or clinical rotations required for accreditation and licensure are continuing face-to-face at this time. Although we are not all able to be physically together as university communities, we still remain strongly committed to providing high-quality, accessible instruction, and student support and engagement opportunities.

Do take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Joan Ferrini-Mundy

Partnering to address health

- Weekly free COVID-19 testing at UMM through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' newest swab and send site on campus continues. Testing is available by appointment from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. on Mondays and will continue on campus through at least the week of Jan. 25. To make an appointment, go [online](#). More information is available at the UMM [website](#). A list of all of Maine's swab and send sites is on the state's COVID-19 Response [website](#).
- UMaine's last phase three surveillance testing this semester will be held Dec. 8 in the Woolley Room, Doris Twitchell Allen Village. Notifications will be sent by email to participants. Note that additional testing resources in the local community are [online](#).

Transparent and continuing communication

- UMaine and UMM are planning for three phases of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing on campus for the spring semester. At UMaine, the first two phases for residential and out-of-state students living off campus will be held Jan. 19–22 and Jan. 25–27, followed by random sample phase three testing beginning Feb. 1 and occurring in seven-day cycles. Information updates will be on the [Fall '20-Spring '21 COVID-19 website](#).
- At UMM, the first phase of testing for residential and out-of-state students living off campus will be held Jan. 19–20. More information about subsequent testing phases will be posted on [machias.edu/return](#).

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

- Winter Session is Jan. 4–22. The more than 50 online courses include several general education requirements, as well as some upper-level courses. Winter Session courses are intensive in nature, with students earning one to three credits in three weeks. For more information, including a list of courses and how to register, visit the Winter Session [website](#). Information about [academic advising support is online](#).
- Memorial Union access is restricted to current UMS/UMaine employees and current UMaine students through Jan. 4. All doors are locked and a MaineCard swipe is available on the northeast exterior door (near the corner of the building, off MLK Plaza). Building hours, including closures for holiday days, are [online](#).
 - The Bear's Den in the Union is open for the UMaine community, including residential students living in Estabrooke and Stodder halls. Hours of operation for the Bear's Den: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, [umaine.edu/dining/hours](#).
 - University Bookstore hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 - Hours for the UMaine Package & Postal Center in the Union: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday,
 - MaineCard Service Center will be available by appointment only through Jan. 4 by calling 207.581.2273 or emailing um.maineCARD@maine.edu.
- UMaine's New Balance Student Recreation Center and Maine Bound have reopened with fall semester hours. All hours for December and January are [online](#).
- At UMM, campus buildings will be accessible via swipe card access through December, with the exception of the Admissions Office in the O'Brien House, which remains open to the public and will continue to conduct outdoor campus tours, weather permitting.
 - Merrill Library is open to students, faculty and staff; hours are [online](#).
 - Murdock Fitness Center is open to students, faculty and staff: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday–Saturday.
- Due to the increased incidence of COVID-19, the Zillman Art Museum-University of Maine, Hudson Museum, and Page Farm and Home Museum are closed to the public until Jan. 15. ZAM is open to UMaine students, staff, faculty and annual ZAM members by calling 207.581.3300 or emailing mary.ellen.merlino@maine.edu to make an appointment. Hudson Museum is open to UMaine students, staff and faculty by calling 207.581.1904 or emailing gretchen.faulkner@maine.edu to make an appointment; Page Museum by calling 207.581.4100 or filling out an online [appointment request form](#).

Flexibility, responsiveness, empathy, and science

- Fall 2020 updates regarding UMaine academic action and Dean's List criteria are [online](#). The information is on the End of Fall Semester [webpage](#), which also provides links to details on [final exams](#), [Keep Learning](#) resources and [Black Bear Paws](#) for deferred students.
- UMaine virtual open houses continue next week for prospective students and their families. The full schedule and registration are [online](#). UMM's virtual open house is Dec. 17, with more information [online](#).

Continuing our missions for Maine

- Hudson Museum and the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance (MIBA) will host the Wabanaki Winter Market online from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Dec. 12. This year's virtual format will include artist demonstrations of traditional birch bark, brown ash and sweetgrass basketry and beadworking, along with singing and storytelling by MIBA members. Winter Market activities will be [livestreamed](#). A [Wabanaki Artist Directory](#) connects shoppers and collectors with musicians, performers and demonstrators, and traditional artisans selling one-of-a-kind creations. A news release about this year's event is [online](#).

