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Together for Maine Daily Briefing and COVID-19 Data Update: 10/1/20

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University of Maine System COVID Data by Campus

4 — Known Case of UMS students or employees in public health agency Isolation

- 1 UMA: New case, a non-residential student isolating off campus, see below
- 1 UMaine:
- 1 UMF: New case, off-campus student who is isolating off campus, see below
- 1 USM:

There are no known cases at the other University of Maine System universities.

The above Data reflects ACTIVE known cases identified through the UMS asymptomatic screening and other testing venues. When an individual is released from an isolation order by a public health agency the active case number shared in the Together for Maine daily update is reduced to reflect that change. UMS is reporting four known case today, two more than the number reported in the [9/30/20 update](#).

Asymptomatic Screening Update for Fall Safe Return

- 17,185 Tests Results to Date
- 13 positives results representing new diagnoses of COVID-19, see note below

The Asymptomatic Screening Dashboard at [Together.Maine.edu](#) represents known results on all asymptomatic tests going back to July 22, 2020. About 48 hours passes from the time a test sample is collected and when the results are known.

UMS News

Wastewater Tests Negative for 9/21-9/22/20: The weekly sampling for the presence of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, at UMaine, UMFK, and USM-Gorham was negative again. All test results going back to mid-August have been negative at the three campuses accounting for 78% of the UMS residential student population. The results for the most recent three weeks are posted at [Together.Maine.edu](#).

Phase 3 Monitoring Identifies First Incident of COVID-19 Infection: The Phase 3 Monitoring invites 1,500 campus-engaged students, staff, and faculty to participate in screening for COVID-19 over the course of 10-day rounds of testing to monitor for infection. The University System is now completing Round 2 of several rounds of random sampling that will occur until Thanksgiving break. The new case identified at UMA above is the first case identified in Phase 3 random sampling. The asymptomatic screening dashboard will update to 14 positive results from more than 17,000 test results when the data updates.

Amplified University Response — Androscoggin, Oxford, and York Counties: UMA, UMaine, and USM are amplifying their COVID-19 safe return protocols in response to epidemiological conditions in Androscoggin, Oxford, and York Counties. The amplified response will include approximately 100 additional tests for COVID-19 for members of the University Community working or learning through facilities in these three counties, additional communication, and extra diligence regarding pandemic practices. The amplified response is connected to the general situation in the regions and the expressed concerns of public health leaders. The amplified response is not in connection to any known cases among students, faculty, or staff.

University News

UMaine:

UMA — Community Message from President Wyke, 10/1/20:

Dear UMA Community,

Since early September, as part of the University of Maine System Phase III Coronavirus Testing plan, UMA has been conducting random asymptomatic testing of students, faculty, and staff every ten days.

A member of the UMA community has tested positive as part of this Phase III testing. The individual has been contacted, is self-isolating, and appropriate support is being provided. The positive test result has been reported to the Maine CDC, which will conduct contact tracing and notify those affected. UMA is actively supporting the Maine CDC with identification and outreach efforts. You will be contacted by either UMA and/or CDC if affected.

The Phase III random sampling tests help estimate the prevalence of infection, measure the impact of our public health strategies, and determine what changes are needed to keep our communities safe. This random testing is important in minimizing the spread of coronavirus on our campuses and centers, so you are encouraged to take part in the random testing if selected.

As always, it is important for us to remain vigilant by wearing face coverings, keeping our distance, staying home when sick, and washing hands to help keep our campuses and centers safe.

Stay healthy and be safe.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Wyke, Ed.D

President

UMF — Community Message from President Serna, 9/30/20:

Dear UMF Community –

Early this evening the CDC confirmed that a UMF student, currently living in Cumberland County, who has not been on campus this semester, has tested positive for COVID-19. They are isolating at home and working with the Maine CDC. The individual was tested by their primary care provider and did not participate in the on-campus asymptomatic testing program. As a result, the Maine CDC determined that quarantining of UMF students, faculty or staff is not warranted.

To date, UMF's asymptomatic testing program has identified no positive COVID-19 cases, with almost 2000 students, staff, and faculty having been tested since August 11.

System-wide, more than 17,000 test results have been received and are reported [on the UMS COVID-19 Testing Summary dashboard](#). For UMS daily case updates from each System campus, please see the [Together for Maine website](#). Tomorrow's update will include this new positive result linked to UMF, but will not be reflected on the asymptomatic testing dashboard, as the individual did not participate in the UMF asymptomatic testing initiative.

As the COVID-19 situation in Maine begins to shift, it is more important than ever that we continue to be diligent in our efforts to stop the spread. Please do everything you can — wear your face coverings, keep your distance, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, participate in the asymptomatic testing program if randomly chosen — to help us keep our communities safe. I've said before, and I'll say it again, we're all in this together — even at six feet apart.

We all wish our student a speedy recovery. We'll be in touch with further updates as necessary.

Be well, Beavers,

Edward Serna

President

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