

# Fall '20–Spring '21


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## Does the university have a COVID-19 Response Team?

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For several months' members of the University of Maine Community have been working to effectively reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission and plan for containment should an outbreak occur.

Reduction strategies range from issuing hand sanitizer to developing high-level safety zones and operating protocols for our research facilities. These collaborative efforts are being guided by subject matter experts from various advisory groups, including the UMS Scientific Advisory Board, the Emergency Operations Center, the Research Continuity Task Force and many others. Each of these entities are screening practices developed throughout the COVID-19 response space and applying the lesson learned to best fit the University of Maine.

The same methodology has been extended to the next phase of managing the university's response to the COVID crisis. A COVID Response Team has been established with the Emergency Operations structure to manage a COVID-19- related event. If a person within our community has been identified as being COVID-19 compromised, the team will focus the needed resources to protect that person and those they may have been in contact with.

Services for students may include transportation to a predesignated isolation/quarantine area on campus. Full support while they are isolated or quarantined would include housing, food, daily medical checks, help with classes and reintroduction back into the community. The university will work collaboratively with the Maine Center for Disease Control to identify those people who have had close contact with the compromised person, and they will have the same services.

In addition, potentially compromised locations will be isolated and cleaned by trained personnel. HIPAA and FERPA restrict the dissemination of certain records, including medical information. Information related to a specific person will be vetted and only disseminated to those authorized to have the information and have a demonstrated need to know. Nonspecific information such as general testing data and notification that a room may be compromised will be released. The safety of our community with given legal restrictions will be the guide.

Multiple data sources will be monitored on a University of Maine System and campus level to maintain an awareness regarding the COVID-19 threat. That awareness will be communicated to the President's Office. Any campuswide response will be made at the executive level and will be measured in accordance with the level of threat. For example, face-to-face classes could be cancelled for a short period of time; if campus depopulation of the residence halls is necessary, research facilities may stay open.


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