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## Friday Futurecast – April 2

Health and safety update for university community members

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Welcome to this week's Friday Futurecast

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

Message from Vice Chancellor and President Joan Ferrini-Mundy:

Dear members of the UMaine and UMM communities,

We are now in that spring semester month when there is so much to do in the countdown to the end of the academic year — from completing classes and capstone projects to defending theses and dissertations, and preparing for finals. We are looking forward to the annual [Maine Impact Week](#) and the [UMaine Student Symposium](#). The annual UMaine Student Juried Art Exhibition opened today, and information about UMM senior art exhibits will be announced shortly.

All these activities — and remaining on campus at UMaine and UMM to finish the semester — are possible because of everyone's commitment to health and safety protocols, including wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing and avoiding large gatherings, and participating in ongoing COVID-19 testing and scheduled vaccinations.

And as is also true this time of year, our thoughts have turned to summer. In particular, summer at UMaine and UMM. Watch for our webpage that will highlight the opportunities available on our campuses and at our facilities statewide this summer, all in accordance with civil and University of Maine System health and safety guidance. We will keep you alerted to updates in UMS guidance as they become available.

Thank you for all you are doing to remain vigilant to maintain your well-being and that of others.

Be well.

Sincerely,

Joan Ferrini-Mundy

### Partnering to address health

- As we noted in a community message this morning, beginning April 7, all Maine residents age 16 and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations. That includes all members of our university communities; a University of Maine System identification will be accepted as proof of eligibility. The state's COVID-19 vaccination [website](#) has the latest information on vaccination sites, FAQs and more. It includes a new link for preregistering for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

### Transparent and continuing communication

- President Ferrini-Mundy will be on campus at UMM April 6 to meet with faculty, staff and students. The meetings, led by the President and Head of Campus Dan Qualls, will be held in person following health and safety guidelines, and via Zoom for those who prefer to participate remotely. The meeting with faculty and staff will be from 10–10:45 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Powers Hall. The meeting with students will be from 10:45–11:30 a.m., also in the Performing Arts Center. This is the Zoom link for both meetings: <https://youtu.be/zBz35Nf8BO4>
- Deadline extended to April 7: All UMaine 2021 and 2020 graduates are asked to [complete the online survey](#) on the commencement website to help us plan the in-person stage walk and virtual recognition components.
- Reminder: Volunteers from the UMaine community are needed 3:30–8:30 p.m. April 23, April 26–29 and May 3, to assist 2021 and 2020 graduates participating in the in-person component of the virtual commencement. [A volunteer sign-up sheet is available online](#).

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

- The UMaine Department of Art's 2021 Juried Student Art Exhibition, "Here and There," features 72 works by students in studio art courses. The exhibition runs April 2–30, with a virtual awards event April 30. Lord Hall Gallery is open 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday.
- The School of Performing Arts Division of Music will livestream three free spring concerts. The performances at 8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. each day take the place of traditional spring tours of Maine schools. [University Symphonic Band on April 7](#); [University Singers perform on April 12](#); [University Jazz Ensemble on April 14](#).
- In UMaine Athletics, the baseball team hosts Binghamton in a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. The games will be livestreamed at [AmericaEast.TV](#) and can be heard on the radio locally on 96.1 WGUY-FM and nationwide at [GoBlackBears.com](#). Maine Football hosts Villanova on Saturday at noon. Saturday's game can be seen locally FOX 22 Bangor, streamed at [FloFootball.com](#), and heard on the Black Bears Sports Network locally on 103.9 FM and on [GoBlackBears.com](#). Also on Saturday at noon and at 2 p.m., the softball team will be in action at UMass Lowell live on [AmericaEast.TV](#). The men's and women's track & field teams begin their outdoor season on Saturday at 11 a.m. at UNH, live on [AmericaEast.TV](#). At noon on Sunday, the women's soccer team hosts Vermont on Senior Day for the Black Bears. The game will be streamed on [AmericaEast.TV](#).
- Saturday's football game against Villanova in Alford Stadium begins at noon without spectators, in accordance with COVID-19 health and safety guidance. The campus traffic plan remains the same as it is on every game day, with one important exception — there will be no parking in the athletics complex lots. Beginning at 6 a.m. April 3, all College Avenue traffic entering via Long Road will be diverted south on Munson; westbound traffic on Long Road will detour to Flagstaff Road. Tunk Road will be closed. Only authorized vehicles will be allowed in the Alford, Corbett, Dunn, Gym and Satellite parking lots for the safety of student-athletes and staff utilizing multiple facilities in the area, following civil and UMS guidance. Pedestrians in those areas will be required to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, including wearing face coverings and social distancing. Tailgating is not allowed on campus at this time.

### Flexibility, responsiveness, empathy, and science

- April 16 and April 23, the Jack Pine Project will present two talks based on pandemic-related workshops from the community arts initiative, organized by the Maine Folklife Center, Maine Studies Program and Hutchinson Center. Both are at 7 p.m. via Zoom. April 16 will feature music therapists Carla Tanguay and Kate Beever, who conducted separate workshops that taught nonmusicians how to express their thoughts and feelings about the pandemic through songs. April 23, playwright, director and producer Stephen Legawiec will talk about his workshop with 10 Maine actors who wrote and performed monologues based on their COVID-19 experiences. For more information and to register, visit the [Jack Pine Project website](#).

### Continuing our missions for Maine

- The 2021 Maine Impact Week will be held April 12–16 with over a dozen virtual events from across campus, culminating in the [UMaine Student Symposium](#), [keynoted by Dr. Nirav Shah](#), director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, at 11:30 a.m. on April 16. Maine Impact Week provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the latest contributions of the state's research university to the social and economic advancement of Maine and beyond. View the [Maine Impact Week list of events](#) for more information.
- The Graduate School of Business is hosting a webinar for the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, "Succession Planning for the Entrepreneurial Exit," at 11 a.m. on April 8, led by Faye Gilbert, Jason Harkins and Jamie Ballinger. [Registration is required](#).
- The McGillicuddy Humanities Center will [present its new virtual tour](#) at 7 p.m. on April 5 highlighting some of the people, moments and places in campus history that often go overlooked, including the experiences of the first students of color, early efforts to create inclusive student groups like Wilde Stein, or moments of unrest. Overseeing the student project is MHC humanities specialist Karen Sieber. Using digital public history and mapping methods, she has been working with history students Luke Miller and Elizabeth Dalton, in collaboration with archivists at Fogler Library, to research and curate a tour featuring a dozen lesser-known stories in campus history. [More information is online](#).

