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Dear Students and Colleagues,

In a recent conversation with our academic leadership about our pandemic operations and plans for the spring semester, Emily Haddad, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, remarked that there isn't going to be a later and we need to be a university now.

I couldn't agree more.

We will return for in-person learning and work as planned on Tuesday, Jan. 18, providing students with the classroom and campus experiences they expect from Maine's flagship university. As Chancellor Malloy charged us in his [community message yesterday](#), we must prioritize in-person learning for students who prefer it, utilize instructional flexibility when circumstances require it, stay focused on our proven, science-based safety practices, and exercise personal responsibility to keep ourselves and one another as safe as possible.

Every Tuesday this semester, I will provide a brief observation on our efforts to serve, work and learn together. My UMaine Now message replaces the Friday Futurecast, and updates will be focused on pandemic-related guidance and resources.

On behalf of Black Bears and Clippers everywhere, I want to welcome you to the spring semester, and thank everyone who is working so hard to make our time together safer and focused on the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Joan Ferrini-Mundy
President

The [University of Maine Return website](#) is an online resource for all COVID-19-related guidance for both our universities. Topics for the start of the spring semester include:

Coming Back for Spring 2022

Information [residential](#) and [commuter](#) students need to know about return-to-campus COVID-19 testing requirements is online.

Interactive Move-In Q&A: [UMaine's Instagram](#) will again feature an interactive move-in Q&A for students this semester. Tune in to our Instagram Stories beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Testing for COVID-19

All UMaine students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, are encouraged to participate in campus-based COVID-19 testing.

On-Campus Testing: The [on-campus asymptomatic Shield T3 COVID-19 saliva testing schedules](#) for both universities are online.

Self-Administered Testing: Learn more about [self-administered on-campus COVID tests if you are symptomatic](#).

Vaccination and Boosters

On-Campus Booster Clinic: The first 2022 on-campus booster clinic is 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Jan. 14, Coe Room, Memorial Union, offering the Moderna booster for ages 18 and older. More information, including how to schedule an appointment, is [online](#).

Verify Your Booster: If you have a booster now, please upload your vaccination card to [PointnClick](#).

Get Boosted Not Tested: Starting Feb. 1, the University of Maine System will require all in-person students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine booster to participate in weekly asymptomatic testing. Verify your booster now to become exempt from weekly testing!

Instructional Flexibility

This is a link to [a recording of yesterday's virtual town hall for employees](#) focused on COVID health and safety guidance and the instructional flexibility available for the start of the spring semester.

Reminders and Notices

Sticking with Safety Practices: Maintain your commitment to wearing face coverings. Get your COVID-19 booster and flu shot. Continue to practice good hand hygiene and, whenever possible, maintain physical distancing. Community members working on-site are asked to stay home if they are experiencing cold, flu or COVID symptoms.

Mental Health Resources: The [UMaine Counseling Center](#) and [UMaine Machias Counseling Center](#) offer important mental health resources.

Grab-and-Go Dining Options: UMaine Dining will continue to offer grab-and-go options in the three dining halls and in the Bear's Den. Signage will be posted asking patrons to limit the time they are unmasked while eating and drinking in the venues. In addition, student meal plans will include more to-go swipes this semester.

