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Dear University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias community members,

Staying up-to-date with changes in the pandemic and adhering to the latest guidance from public health officials are among the principles that have kept us in-person safely this semester. Now that same principle is being applied to our testing practices with the requirement that students [have an up-to-date vaccination status](#).

Know your status, get your latest possible shot and an exemption from the [required weekly COVID-19 testing on campus](#). Please do it for yourselves and for our community well-being.

Thank you for all you're doing to help keep learning going and keep us together this semester.

Joan Ferrini-Mundy
President

The [University of Maine Return website](#) is an online resource for all COVID-19-related guidance for both our universities. For questions, email umaine.alerts@maine.edu.

Reminders and Notices

Weekly COVID-19 testing for students: As of Feb. 1, students who are on-site and have not yet received their COVID-19 booster shots will participate in weekly COVID-19 testing on campus. [According to the CDC](#), booster shots can be administered at least 5 months after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or at least 2 months after receiving the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. [Information about getting booster shots after being positive for COVID-19 is online](#).

Campus-based testing schedules: All UMaine students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, are encouraged to participate in campus-based COVID-19 testing. UMaine asymptomatic test dates in Estabrooke Hall: Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wednesday also 6:30–8:30 a.m. UMaine Machias asymptomatic testing dates in Reynolds Center: Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; Thursday, 2–5 p.m. More information about the [on-campus asymptomatic Shield T3 COVID-19 saliva testing](#) for both universities is online. Learn more about [self-administered on-campus COVID-19 tests if you are symptomatic](#). Remember that T3 testing is available on all University of Maine System campuses to our students, faculty and staff. Schedule an appointment via [PointnClick](#).

UMaine's next walk-in booster clinic: The next Northern Light Pharmacy COVID-19 booster clinic is scheduled for noon–4 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Lown Room, Memorial Union. Members of the UMaine community who received the Moderna, Pfizer or J&J vaccines are urged to participate. Interchanging the type of vaccine with the booster shot is an approved practice. [Information about what to bring to your appointment is online](#).

COVID-19 employee protocols updated: On Friday, UMS updated its [employee health and safety guidance](#).

