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

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the December rates of COVID-19-associated [hospitalizations were 44 times higher in unvaccinated adults](#) ages 18 and older compared to fully vaccinated persons with additional or booster doses. The data continue to validate the critical importance of vaccination as a part of the university's health and safety practices and underscores why we are prioritizing being up-to-date with a COVID-19 booster.

More than 4,700 students, faculty and staff at UMaine and the University of Maine at Machias have registered a booster with our [PointnClick](#) portal and are up-to-date per public health guidance, and would be eligible for university travel or an exemption from the required weekly student asymptomatic testing for COVID-19.

The fastest way to check your status is with the new "clearance shield" available in the [PointnClick](#) portal. Green means you are cleared/compliant with university vaccination requirements while red indicates a need for critical action on behalf of a student or employee. You may also access a detailed summary of your compliance status using the 'Click to Verify your Vaccination Status' link on the UMS COVID-19 portal.

Learn more below and by visiting the portal. Thank you for all you are doing individually and collectively for community well-being.

Stay well and safe.

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: Students who are on-site and have not yet received their COVID-19 booster shots are required to 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 and UMaine Machias 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](#).

