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

We are grateful that COVID-19 case rates continue to decline in Maine and nationwide, as do the number of positive cases at UMaine and UMaine Machias. Our current low case rate is largely the result of everyone's individual and collective contributions to community well-being, including masking, being vaccinated and boosted and participating in weekly testing.

Since Jan. 1, 2022, the UMaine community has had an average of 21 positive cases daily. Most of the positive cases were self-reports and more than 560 of those positive cases in the last two months have been reported via our T3 testing. Thankfully, our overall daily caseloads have declined in the past seven days; we have six positive cases in the UMaine community today.

With less than two weeks remaining until spring break, I hope all community members will avail themselves of campus-based COVID testing, pursue booster shots when they are eligible and register their shots in [PointnClick](#). No matter where your spring break plans take you, please remember to keep your health and safety, and that of others, in mind.

All members of our university communities are reminded that asymptomatic testing is available. Students are required to participate in weekly COVID-19 testing on campus if they have not yet received a booster shot. Please make appointments for asymptomatic testing via [PointnClick](#). The testing schedules for UMaine and UMaine Machias are below.

Thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do to keep our campus communities COVID 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](#).

