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

We are in the midst of [Maine Impact Week](#), looking forward to the outdoor concert sponsored by UMaine Student Government on April 26, followed by [Maine Day](#) and the [Maine Day of Giving](#), [UMaine](#) and [UMaine Machias](#) commencement ceremonies, and so many end-of-academic-year events and celebrations. We are finishing the end of the spring 2022 semester strongly and healthy. And for that, we thank all who have individually and collectively committed to helping ensure community well-being.

We also are looking ahead to [summer and fall, with early COVID-19-related guidance](#) for those participating in the many classes, programs and events that typically take place on our campuses and in our facilities statewide. Students need to be sure that their COVID vaccinations are “[Up to Date](#)” as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or that they have requested a University of Maine System-approved exemption by the start of any Summer University session or the fall semester in which they will be in person.

We wish our students, faculty and staff the best in these last three weeks of classes leading up to finals week. We will provide updates on COVID health and safety guidance as they become available.

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. For questions, email umaine.alerts@maine.edu.

Reminders and Notices

Face covering guidance: The March 26 UMS guidance on face coverings remains in effect through April 29. Face coverings are optional for students, faculty, staff and visitors in non-classroom facilities on campus and in our facilities statewide, both indoors and out, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings in all classrooms, research spaces and instructional areas are required unless the requirement is waived by a faculty member.

- UMS health and safety guidance also now requires face coverings for indoor public events with 75 or more persons, unless proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours is required. Any UMaine or UMaine Machias event organizer has the option to require face coverings.

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

Student vaccination guidance for summer and fall: Students who plan to study or participate in other in-person activities on UMaine and UMaine Machias campuses and at university facilities statewide in summer or fall 2022 must receive all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. In-person students must be “[Up to Date](#)” with COVID-19 vaccinations as defined by the CDC or have a UMS-approved exemption by the start of any semester for which the student will be in person, all documented in [PointnClick](#).

Summer programming: The University of Maine System is scheduling a full summer of instruction, courses, research and activities. Summer program participants who are not students (i.e. summer camp participants, etc.) should contact their respective program for testing and vaccination information and instructions. In general, summer program participants whose activity includes three or more nights with the university will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination or participate in testing.

Testing in the summer months: Proactive mandatory asymptomatic COVID-19 testing will be available on campus for in-person students, staff and faculty. The testing schedule will be available closer to the end of the semester.

