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Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The EOC is guiding efforts for planning part of the ICS system with trained members, specialists, periodic practice sessions for roles, coordinated with System processes.

- EOC Planning Group: a sub-group of EOC to plan logistics for restart
- COVID19 Research Continuity Task Force
- Fall Academic Planning Group: plan academic aspects of reopening
- UMM Fall Academic Planning Group: faculty who will assist with fall
- Remote Teaching Work Group: develop best practices in teaching labs remotely
- COVID-19 Teaching Lab Safety Group: checklist for labs planning for in-person instruction
- Planning Group: public space furniture arrangements, traffic

- Academic Integrity Task Force: remote/online issues and suggestions to enhance integrity
- Cultural Attractions Group: discussions for public performances
- Darling Marine Center Planning Group
- Cooperative Extension Planning Group
- Student Life Planning Group
- Athletic Planning Group
- Student Life/Residential Living
- Residential Advisory Board
- Asymptomatic Testing Group
- Symptomatic Testing Group
We planned for a safe return and it is going well.

https://umaine.edu/return/
How our safe return looks:

**Community guidance plans**

- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 personally and via the symptom monitoring app. Report to a medical professional if fever of 100.4°F or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
- Self-report by calling the university COVID-19 Helpline, any time, if a medical professional has asked you to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 diagnosis or close contact.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Get vaccinated for the flu each fall.

**Physical space preparation**

- Maintain appropriate social distancing (6 feet), especially in indoor settings.
- Stay home if feeling ill or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear an appropriate face covering and other protective gear as directed by the university.
- Be positive, sensitive, and helpful to anyone around you who may be troubled or struggling.

**Service modifications**

- Keep clothing, belongings, personal spaces, and shared common spaces clean.
- Participate in testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community.
- Carefully observe institutional signs and follow directions.
- Minimize travel outside the local area to help prevent community transmission; university-sponsored travel is restricted.

**Testing**

**Campus messaging**

- Define tomorrow. Start today. By committing to the following:
  - Protect myself:
    - Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 personally and via the symptom monitoring app.
    - Report to a medical professional if fever of 100.4°F or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
  - Self-report by calling the university COVID-19 Helpline, any time, if a medical professional has asked you to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 diagnosis or close contact.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
  - Get vaccinated for the flu each fall.

- Protect others:
  - Maintain appropriate social distancing (6 feet), especially in indoor settings.
  - Stay home if feeling ill or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Wear an appropriate face covering and other protective gear as directed by the university.
  - Be positive, sensitive, and helpful to anyone around you who may be troubled or struggling.

- Protect the college of our hearts always:
  - Keep clothing, belongings, personal spaces, and shared common spaces clean.
  - Participate in testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community.
  - Carefully observe institutional signs and follow directions.
  - Minimize travel outside the local area to help prevent community transmission; university-sponsored travel is restricted.

For more information visit umaine.edu/return
A few facts and figures so far:

- **2800** students in campus residence halls
- **7543** students have participated in asymptomatic testing
- UMS-wide, **13** current cases
- Approximately **300** rooms on Orono campus reserved for quarantine and isolation
- Enrollment is **11,806** (Undergraduate 9,553; Graduate 2,253) with **2,121** first year students
- **71%** of students taking at least one course face to face
Thank you for our partnership!

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Charge and Focus

Transmission, Mitigation, and Safety

Public Health Response

Vaccines and Treatments

Testing
SARS-CoV-2 Transmission

Prevention relies on ventilation, physical distancing, face coverings, cleaning, and hand hygiene.
Keep our Campuses Safe: Avoid the 4Cs to Reduce Cluster Transmission

4Cs:
- Closed spaces
- Crowded places
- Close contact
- Contact Time

Modified from Japan’s 3 C’s campaign by UMaine SAB
Current Guidance on COVID-19 Management

Test → Trace → Isolate

Rapid, high-throughput diagnostic testing

Contact tracing of COVID-19+ (contacts within <6ft for >15 min are quarantined)

Isolation of COVID-19+ patients until healthy to return
Testing for SARS-CoV-2 Infection: An essential part of the arsenal to prevent spread of COVID-19

- **Incubation Period:**
  - Pre-symptomatic
  - Asymptomatic
  - Viral replication, shedding, transmission

2 - 14 days

- **Timeline since initial infection**

- **RT-PCR is the gold standard in COVID-19 diagnostic testing**

- **Symptomatic** Variable depending on disease progression, complications

- **RECOVERY**
COVID-19 Testing Plan

Baseline campus COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 surveillance

Individual asymptomatic testing

Wastewater monitoring

Symptomatic COVID-19 testing plan

Local health care centers

Track community prevalence
COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Board
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Testing Protocols and Logistics

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Testing Protocols

– State of Maine vs UMS Protocols

– UMS High Risk Cohorts
  
  • Three distinct Cohorts of Students

– Out of State Students Living Off-Campus enrolled in one or more face to face credit: **2380**

– All Students Living in University Housing: **2993**

– Special Groups: Off campus Clinicals, Dance, Marching Band, Ensembles, Public Schools, Athletics, Resident Life Staff, Fraternities, Resident Custodians, Graduate Assistants, New Faculty and staff from out of state: **975**
Logistics:

- **Testing Locations:**
  - Alfond Arena:
    - Special Populations
  - Drive Through Tent:
    - Off-campus and On-campus

- **Tent Testing Workflow**
  - Six Bay Drive Through Tent
  - Color Code Wrist Bands

- **Lab Specimen Process**
  - Chain of Custody
  - Jackson Laboratory

- **Post CoVid-19 Test**
  - Quarantine 24 to 72 hrs.
Logistics: Reporting Test Results

• Results Reported
  • Within 24 to 72 hours
  • Processing Three Courier Runs Per day
  • JAX Weekend Processing
  • Secure Portal Access: Student Login

• Positive Result Response
  – Notification:
    • Convenient MD and UMS Risk Notifies University
    • Student Contacted by Medical Provider and Contacted by UMaine Resource Team
    • JAX lab Notifies MECDC UMaine assigned 2 CDC representatives

• Rapid Response Team
- Cutler Health Center COVID Testing
  - Symptomatic and Close Contacts
  - 20 to 24 hour Report

- Isolation and Quarantine Space
  - DTAV Bauman Nelson House: 48 spaces
  - Knox Hall: 145 Spaces

- Transportation Van

- COVID Cleaning Agreement
Thank you