

*Office of the Provost*

December 02, 2020



Dear Students:

I am writing to provide clarification on the status of our on-campus operations following the Thanksgiving holiday until the end of the fall 2020 semester.

In the interest of the health and safety of the UNE Community, we made the decision at the start of this semester to move to remote learning for the majority of our academic programs after November 20. This means that all facilities on the Biddeford and Portland campuses are closed to the majority of students during this time.

Those students whose academic programs continue to engage in on-campus learning activities, such as classes or clinical work, and those who have been granted special authorization to be on campus by their dean have permission to be on campus only after being tested for COVID-19 by Student Health Services and receiving a green bracelet. We are asking those students to continue to wear their green bracelets through December 22. After December 22, the Biddeford and Portland campuses will close until the beginning of the spring 2021 term.

If you need to replace your bracelet, please contact the Office of Safety and Security or Student Health Services. Students who do not have a green bracelet will not be granted access to campus facilities.

We ask students who have not been authorized to be on campus during this time to please continue with your remote studies and not come to campus. Students who are facing a hardship that may impact their academic success may request campus access by contacting their dean's office.

Reducing density on campus for the remaining weeks of the semester to those who really need to be there is part of the UNE Onward commitment we made to one another at the start of this semester, and it will allow the University to prepare to welcome students back in January. I appreciate all you are doing to comply with our protocols as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Joshua Hamilton, Ph.D.

*Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*