



Dear Students, Faculty, and Professional Staff,

As the start of the spring term fast approaches, I want to take this opportunity to remind you all about the COVID-19-related safety precautions that you are expected to take while on campus. We should all be familiar with the **UNE Onward Promise**, which calls on us to collectively take the steps necessary to keep ourselves and one another as safe as possible. I ask that we collectively renew our commitment toward this effort as we begin the next academic term.

While I commend everyone for a job well done during fall semester, and while it may be tempting to let our guard down in light of the recent vaccine roll-out, we must acknowledge that we are not yet over the last hurdle. COVID-19 rates are higher than ever, and we must remain steadfast in our safety protocols for the home stretch. Hopefully, later this year and with continued diligence, we will move past having to live, study and work under these COVID restrictions.

I ask, therefore, that you please review the following:

#### **MASK WEARING**

Masks are required on UNE's campuses, except when alone in a private residence hall room (with roommates) or a private office/confined space. Per **the latest Maine CDC guidelines, masks are required even when socially distanced outdoors.**

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines by maintaining at least a six-foot distance between yourself and others at all times, **including while in the classroom.** Faculty should keep this in mind when moving around the classroom while teaching.

Remember that furniture has been strategically positioned in every campus building and classroom to comply with social distancing requirements. We ask all students, faculty, and professional staff to **refrain from moving the furniture.**

#### **SANITIZATION**

Please do your part to reduce the spread of germs by **washing your hands thoroughly and frequently** (and using hand sanitizer when unable to do so). Also be sure to **disinfect shared work spaces**, such as desks, and other shared surfaces, such as communal kitchen counters, both before and after use. Sanitization stations are conveniently located throughout campus buildings.

## BRACELET COMPLIANCE

Once they have completed their return-to-campus testing protocols, students will receive *a bracelet that must be worn through January 29.*

Faculty and professional staff are asked to *monitor bracelet compliance.* Reports of in-classroom non-compliance should be directed to the college dean's office. Reports of out-of-classroom noncompliance should be made to the director of student conduct, Shane Long.

## SELF-MONITORING

We expect you to monitor your health daily. If you or anyone with whom you have had close contact has experienced symptoms of illness, *please stay home or in your residence hall room.*

## TRAVEL REDUCTION

Please *limit your travel* to only those trips that are absolutely necessary, and remember to follow **Maine CDC guidelines** upon return to the state.

I look forward to the spring term being in full swing and hope that, by working together, we can make it as healthy a semester as possible. Meanwhile, stay safe and be well.

Best,

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