

Office of Student Affairs
Office of Student Health Services
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Dear Students,

We have very good news to share: The results of yesterday's Biddeford campus-wide surveillance testing revealed only one new case (a commuter student), with zero new cases among the residential campus community. These results demonstrate that our shelter-in-place program, along with the other UNE Onward protocols, worked as planned to stop the recent outbreak. This is a testament to your vigilance in adhering to the program during this challenging time. Congratulations!

We are now poised to resume in-person learning on **Tuesday, April 6 at 8:00 a.m.**

In order to ensure that we continue to control the spread of the virus, we will take a phased approach to lifting the shelter-in-place order. Details of those phases can be found below.

It is because of your adherence to our testing and shelter-in-place protocols that we were able to contain the virus, and *it will be more important than ever that you double down on your efforts to wear masks and maintain social distancing* so that we do not risk another shelter-in-place, or worse, having to send students home for the remainder of the semester.

Phased Lifting of Shelter in Place

The Biddeford campus will fully re-open on Monday. Commuters and students who have gone home should remain off campus until that time. Students who choose to go home at any time before Monday will be required to go through the testing process on Monday or Tuesday.

Beginning immediately, residential students who have tested and received their bracelets are permitted to leave campus to go to the grocery store, run errands, etc. Some campus facilities will re-open today for residential students only, including in-person dining in the Commons.

Monday and Tuesday Testing

Only students who have left campus and returned home, including those who may go home this weekend, will go through the onboarding testing process on **Monday, April 5 (preferably) or Tuesday, April 6 (for anyone who cannot make it on Monday) between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Harold Alfond Forum.** Once students are tested on campus, they will receive a bracelet, which will be needed to access classes, campus facilities, etc. Students who went home must make an appointment at <https://une.medicatconnect.com>. You will be required to upload a negative PCR, rapid PCR, or rapid antigen test to **Medicat** within 72 hours of returning to campus. Students are advised to bring a copy of their test result in case it is needed.

Students Who Are Vaccinated

Students who are fully vaccinated (14 days out from receiving their final COVID-19 vaccine) do not need to test, but do need to make a testing appointment for Monday or Tuesday (to occur at the Harold Alfond Forum) at <https://une.medicatconnect.com> to verify your vaccination status and receive your bracelet. You must also upload your vaccination status to **Medicat** in advance and bring a copy in case it is needed.

Students in clinical **WCHP programs** (Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Applied Exercise Science, and Athletic Training) must immediately upload their vaccine status to **Medicat** in order to verify your vaccine status. Your program director has sent you an email with instructions pertaining to the retrieval of your bracelet.

Varsity student athletes have different testing requirements and will therefore receive a separate message with instructions from Athletics.

Students Who Have Tested Positive in Last 90

Days Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days do not need to test, but must make a testing appointment for Monday or Tuesday at <https://une.medicatconnect.com> for verification and clearance at the Harold Alfond Forum to receive your bracelet. You should also confirm that your positive test result has been uploaded to **Medicat** in advance and bring a copy in case it is needed.

Continued Vigilance

Nor'easters, now is not the time to be complacent in your adherence to the Onward Plan. It is critical that you wear masks and maintain social distancing so that we can finish out the remainder of the semester without having to institute another shelter-in-place order or move learning online. Gathering with those outside of your household, especially when masking and distancing are not observed, pose a significant risk of transmission. Indeed, it is precisely these kinds of gatherings that resulted in the increase in cases that required us to shelter in place. Please keep this in mind as we all work hard to finish out the semester strong, together.

Thank you again for the sacrifices you made during this time. We are very proud of you, and we can't wait to have you back in the classrooms and labs next week.

Sincerely,

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