

Office of the Provost
Office of Student Health Services
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Dear Faculty and Professional Staff,

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.

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. The Biddeford campus will fully re-open on Monday. Commuters and students who have gone home will 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 are permitted to leave campus to go to the grocery store, run errands, etc. Some campus facilities will re-open today for those students only, including in-person dining in the Commons.

Undergraduate students who have gone through the testing process and are cleared for classes and labs will be wearing a bracelet.

For faculty who may be concerned about student absences during Monday or Tuesday's testing, please know that testing is a priority, and students should be excused from synchronous engagement. Any questions about this can be directed to your dean. Further details about Monday and Tuesday testing can be found in the attached message to students.

We have emphasized to the students that now is not the time to be complacent in their adherence to the Onward Plan, and that it is critical that they wear their masks and maintain social distancing so that we can finish out the remainder of the semester without another shelter-in-place order. We appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing this message with our students, and we thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we have navigated this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

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