This document details the Darling Marine Center response following notification that someone who is on campus or has been on campus is positive or presumptive positive for COVID-19. This document is consistent with the best available guidance provided by the University of Maine Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Maine and federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and will be updated as further information emerges.

The University of Maine Darling Marine Center seeks to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) in accordance with applicable law, regulation, and guidance provided by health authorities. Despite these efforts, the DMC cannot categorically guarantee that any person entering the campus will not contract COVID-19 or any other communicable disease. Everyone must assess and accept the risks of illness or injury for themselves.

1. **IMMEDIATE RESPONSE to a person on campus displaying symptoms of COVID-19**
   a. If the individual is seriously ill, call 911, and follow the [DMC Emergency Action Plan](#). Have the individual cover their face and if possible, wait outside, until Emergency Responders arrive, per current EMS protocol. If possible, send someone to the campus entrance to guide Responders.
   b. If the sick individual is not in immediate danger, they should
      i. Isolate in place temporarily, avoiding contact with others and movement around campus.
      ii. Call their physician for advice.
      iii. Call the local Lincoln-Health Miles Hospital at 207-563-1234 and if advised, drive to Miles Hospital at 35 Miles St, Damariscotta, ME 04543.
      iv. Notify a DMC Facilities Emergency Coordinator that they may have COVID-19.

2. **CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS following a possible COVID-19 exposure**
   a. Anyone asked to isolate or quarantine by a medical provider due to COVID-19 is asked to voluntarily self-report to UMaine via [this form](#) and contact the DMC Facilities Emergency Coordinators via heather.leslie@maine.edu so appropriate measures can be taken.
   b. Following confirmation of a COVID-19 positive case on campus, the FEC will notify all DMC personnel through a DMC-specific email communication.
   c. The UMaine EOC (207.581.4040) and Dean of the College of NSFA also will be notified, along with the COVID-19 information line (207.581.2618), in keeping with the approved DMC Emergency Response and Contingency Plan. Incident command will be established.
   d. The DMC, UMaine EOC and Maine CDC will work together to manage an exposure event, including cleaning, contact tracing, and timeline for resumption of full on-campus activities.
   e. Contact tracing will be initiated by the Maine CDC and/or the UMaine COVID Operations Group and focuses on activities and contacts starting in the 48-hour period prior to becoming symptomatic or received a positive test if asymptomatic. Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within six feet of a positive person for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period.
3. CLEANING AND SANITIZING following a COVID-19 exposure on the DMC campus
   a. If it is not possible to isolate the location where the exposure occurred, then all buildings, boats and vehicles will be cleaned and sanitized, in keeping with current University and CDC guidance. This will take 3-5 days, depending on current conditions.
   b. If it is possible to isolate the campus location where exposure may have occurred, then the buildings, boats and vehicles in the exposed area will be cleaned and sanitized in keeping with current University, Maine CDC and federal CDC guidance.

4. QUARANTINE & ISOLATION in response to COVID-19 on the DMC campus
   a. Students, faculty and staff must quarantine off campus if they are COVID-19 positive.
   b. All students living on campus should have an off-campus quarantine/isolation plan.
   c. If you may have been exposed to COVID-19, self-isolate until testing of the sick individual and contact tracing can be completed, unless you are fully vaccinated.
   d. Quarantine for 10 days and then monitor for symptoms for an additional four days, if you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, unless you are fully vaccinated.
   e. Fully vaccinated people do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. Fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if they don’t have symptoms and should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
   f. Residential and nonresidential students who are not fully vaccinated and deemed a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual must quarantine off campus and not return to campus until cleared by a doctor to do so.
   g. On-campus quarantine/isolation spaces for those unable to quarantine/isolate off campus are very limited. If an individual quarantines or isolates on the DMC campus, daily communication will be initiated between Maine CDC and the isolated individual. Meal delivery and support will be provided. More information is available from the DMC Director and via this UM main policy.
   h. Following CDC guidelines, employees and students can return to campus if
      i. they completed 10 days of self-isolation from the onset of symptoms and 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
      ii. other symptoms of COVID-19 (except for loss of taste or smell) are improving; and
      iii. a medical professional has cleared them to return to work/classes.

Exemptions from quarantine and testing for fully vaccinated individuals

The University continues to encourage students, staff and faculty to become vaccinated. Information about where and how to get a vaccine is available on the state of Maine COVID-19 website. More information about vaccination benefits and safety is available on the Centers for Disease Control’s website. Asymptomatic students, staff and faculty who would otherwise be required to participate in UMaine asymptomatic COVID-19 testing and who otherwise would be required to quarantine when determined to be a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, may be exempted from testing and quarantining if they are fully vaccinated and provide verification of their fully vaccinated status to the University. Please contact your supervisor or a member of the DMC FEC if you have questions.
On-Campus Personnel

For an up-to-date list of all personnel conducting work at the Darling Marine Center campus in Walpole, please see the DMC Directory: [https://dmc.umaine.edu/welcome/directory/](https://dmc.umaine.edu/welcome/directory/)

All who come to campus, whether for the day or the month or as their primary workplace, are required to sign in at [http://dmc.umaine.edu/](http://dmc.umaine.edu/). Those sign in data are available upon request from the DMC Director via dmc@maine.edu.

As residential program participants and temporary staff arrive on campus, we update our internal roster in coordination with the University of Maine COVID-19 Testing Program.

*Note:* The Director, Laboratory Manager and Diving Operations Manager serve as the Facility Emergency Management Team for the DMC and are the first point of contact for all campus emergencies, as well as COVID-19 response and management.

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**If you have questions, please contact a member of the DMC Facility Emergency Coordination Team**

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