

AFUM Flash UPDATE

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Jim McClymer, AFUM President

Dear Colleagues,

Remember that AFUM & UMS have agreed that there is no research expectation for this semester as we triage to meet multiple demands, caring for our students, colleagues, family and ourselves.

Campuses remain open. It seems wise to prepare for a future where access is further restricted. Exponential growth means a doubling of cases in a couple of days with active cases growing to the point that our health care system will be severely stressed.

Rumors are circulating that some small classes are planning to meet throughout the system. If you are planning to do this, **Please don't**.

Please don't set your email to "out of office". It generates a lot of needless traffic and sends a poor message to students and colleagues who need to reach out. Check email often so you can remain informed in this rapidly changing situation.

Still working on extending time for reaching Level 1 for Wellness. I suggest that those who are not in Level 1 consider using Trestle Tree coaching (855-580-2797). If they cannot accommodate you, please inform your Chapter Leadership.

See Wellness guide https://www.maine.edu/human-resources/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/12/2020_Wellness_Guide_single_pgs_FINAL.pdf

If you applied for a sabbatical for next year, please reach out to your Chapter Leadership to explain your concerns. We will consolidate these concerns and develop a plan.

With classes starting tomorrow we know there will be issues, both technical and human. That is expected and is ok. If you need help, reach out to colleagues and academic leadership. We are, and will remain, in this together.

In Isolated Solidarity,
Jim