



University of Idaho

TO: University of Idaho Students
FROM: Blaine Eckles, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
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SUBJECT: Be Prepared Heading into Spring Break

As you wrap up midterms and head into Spring Break, please remember to be prepared for the fast-changing world in which we are living. Information about and realities of COVID-19 are changing hourly. Please keep these things in mind:

- Take all classroom materials and technology with you in the event circumstances change. We will deliver ALL classes electronically March 23-24 (in-person participation is not an option). Circumstances are changing on a daily basis and we want you to be prepared in the event that online delivery is extended.
- If you need technology, [ITS has Chromebooks and iPads](#) you can check out to take with you.
- If you do not have internet access at your off-campus location, consider options including public Wi-Fi areas or returning to campus (which is open). Help for accessing online tools is available from the [Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning](#).
- Communicate with your faculty if you have needs or challenges beyond your ability to handle on your own.
- Watch your U of I email and [the university's website](#) for updates and further instructions.
- Rest, relax and enjoy your Spring Break.

All university-sponsored international travel over Spring Break has been canceled. We strongly recommend students do not travel internationally. If you choose to travel to [a Level 2 or 3 CDC-identified country](#), you are expected to self-isolate for 14 days upon your return.

Residence halls will remain open should you decide not to travel. Students living in Greek chapter houses should check with chapter leadership about house availability over the break. Remember to:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you have specific concerns, email askjoe@uidaho.edu.

Go Vandals!

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