



# University of Idaho

**TO:** University of Idaho Students, Faculty and Staff  
**FROM:** Scott Green, President  
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**DATE:** Aug. 23, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Welcome Back; Let's All Get Vaccinated

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Today our Moscow campus and centers across the state are buzzing with the excitement of a new semester — one that seems full of opportunities as well as one that is a bit ominous as the Delta variant of the coronavirus drives cases and hospitalizations up.

[Gov. Brad Little released data specific to Idaho](#) showing how vital the vaccine is for keeping our communities healthier and returning quicker to all the activities we enjoy. Since Jan. 1, 2021:

- 98.9% of new COVID-19 cases were people not vaccinated
- 98.6% of COVID-19 hospitalizations were people not vaccinated
- 98.7% of COVID-19 deaths were people not vaccinated

[Vaccinations are safe](#), free and available at most drug stores and health care providers. We are also hosting several vaccine clinics on the Moscow campus. [Register to be vaccinated](#) today.

Students who receive a vaccine and [provide verification to the university](#) are eligible to receive a \$50 gift card to the VandalStore or Idaho Eats. Eligible students are then entered into a drawing for a chance to receive a tuition credit of \$1,000 or \$5,000.

We are nearly two weeks into a face covering requirement in all university buildings. We will review the requirement every three weeks, with the first review being completed by Sept. 1. Case

numbers continue to grow in Idaho, so the face covering requirement remains for now. While it is required to wear a face covering in all university buildings, face coverings do not need to be worn when working alone in an enclosed workspace, or working inside an office or other enclosed space where six feet of physical distancing can be constantly maintained. Face coverings (which can include face shields for instructors) must be worn in the classroom at all times. When outside, face masks are not required but are strongly encouraged in crowded areas.

We are not running our own testing lab this fall. We ask that anyone who receives a positive COVID-19 test result report it in a [VandalCARE report](#). Employees should [contact Human Resources](#) for benefit options if recovering from any illness, including COVID-19.

Many activities resume this fall — including athletic events such as the first home football game against [Simon Fraser](#) on Sept. 4, and a concert series starting with [Kip Moore](#) on Sept. 9. By getting vaccinated and wearing your face covering, we can continue to come together for events.

We have every opportunity to make this a fantastic semester. Let's do what is right for our fellow Vandals, continue to support each other, wear a mask and get vaccinated.

Keep Calm and Vandal On.

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