



University of Idaho

TO: University of Idaho Students, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Scott Green, President
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DATE: Oct. 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Mask Requirement Remains in Place

It was an exciting weekend at the University of Idaho. Thanks to all of you who participated in Vandal Fest and Homecoming activities — and followed the COVID-19 protocols necessary for such events. These are the moments when we are reminded of what it means to be Vandals.

While we are pleased to be able to gather for events, we also know the pandemic continues to deeply impact our healthcare system. We are beginning to see declining numbers nationally, but that trend has not yet become a reality for our community and healthcare system. Because of this and because your wellbeing is our focus, we will continue the mask requirement in all university buildings statewide and at all university-sponsored indoor events. As a reminder, this includes face coverings in U of I offices, buildings owned by other entities (including our many research and UI Extension offices) and common areas on campus including those located in Housing and Residence Life. Face coverings can be removed in a shared office workspace where more than six feet of distance can be constantly maintained and within private residential rooms in Housing and Residence Life. The face covering policy will again be reviewed in

three weeks and communicated by Monday, Nov. 1.

We had five students report positive infection last week and we currently have one student in our isolation unit.

The number of students voluntarily submitting proof of vaccine continues to grow. Sloan Strong, a first-year student from Virginia, is the \$1,000 winner of our fourth tuition incentive drawing. Students, [submit your proof now](#) for the opportunity to win. We still have \$11,000 to give away. All vaccination information must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 12, to be eligible to receive a \$50 gift card and be entered into a tuition credit drawing. If you have not yet been vaccinated, [find a vaccination site](#) and roll up your sleeve. They are free, and studies show they are safe and effective.

You will notice the food court in the ISUB gradually reopening as we meet workforce and supply chain challenges. Qdoba is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Pom & Honey, Idaho Eats newest addition to on-campus dining, will open for mobile ordering Monday, Oct. 18, and plans to fully open later in the month. Other dining options will follow.

We strive to provide the best working and learning environment possible during these challenging times. We appreciate your continued commitment to your own health and that of those around you. Continue to follow the [Healthy Vandal Pledge](#) and be safe.

Keep Calm and Vandal On.

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