



**TO:** University of Idaho Students

**FROM:** Blaine Eckles, Dean and Students and Vice Provost for Student Affairs

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**SUBJECT:** Vaccine Incentive Program Launches for Spring Semester

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To help protect the Vandal Family, the University of Idaho is once again offering incentives to all students (undergraduate and graduate, full- and part-time) who complete the [primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine](#). This effort will help us remain open for in-person instruction. Please note, **U of I is strongly recommending, but not requiring, that students receive a vaccination.**

## How to Submit Your Verification

Only electronic vaccination information will be accepted. If you want to receive a \$50 gift card and be entered into the tuition credit drawing, you should enter your [vaccination verification online](#).

Students providing evidence of vaccination will receive a \$50 electronic gift card to one of the following:

- \$50 credit on your VandalCard for Idaho Eats (Moscow location only)
  - No physical gift cards will be provided for this award
- \$50 electronic gift card to the VandalStore (Moscow or Boise stores)
  - No physical gift cards will be provided for this award

By submitting evidence showing the completion of your primary series of vaccination, you will be entered into a drawing for the chance to receive one of seven \$1,000 tuition credit awards. You must be enrolled full-time to be eligible for the \$1,000 drawing.

You do not need to have received the booster to be eligible for the drawing, although the university does recommend receiving a booster if you are eligible.

Any submitted documentation will not be retained by the university once the drawings for the academic year are complete. For more information, review [U of I's Privacy Statement](#).

The first round of gift cards will be given the week of Jan. 31. The first tuition credit drawing of \$1,000 award will be Thursday, Feb. 3, and will occur weekly thereafter. Students have until Friday, March 4, to submit their documentation.

### **What Do I Do If I Have Already Submitted My Vaccination Information?**

You do not need to re-submit your proof of vaccination. If you received an incentive gift card as part of any prior semester vaccination incentives, you are not eligible for another \$50 award. However, you do remain eligible to receive the \$1,000 tuition credit.

### **How to Get a Vaccine?**

The university is hosting a limited number of vaccine clinics on campus this semester. [Register now](#). Vaccines are also available in [locations across the state](#).

### **Will This Impact My Financial Aid? Will I be taxed?**

Gift cards and other awards students receive due to their ties to an institution must be accounted for as a part of the financial aid package. Your overall package of financial assistance may be adjusted due to receiving the vaccine gift card and/or tuition credit award. If you have questions about whether a \$50 gift card or larger tuition credit may impact your financial aid, email the [Financial Aid Office](#). Students on a student visa (F-1, J-1, etc.) may incur tax implications due to receiving vaccine incentive gift cards. If you have questions about any potential tax implications, email [Student Accounts](#).

The university reserves the right to request a physical copy of your vaccination information for verification purposes.

Email questions regarding the Vaccination Incentive Program to [covid19questions@uidaho.edu](mailto:covid19questions@uidaho.edu).

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