

TO: University of Idaho Students and Employees

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**SUBJECT:** Free KN95 Masks Available

The COVID-19 positivity rate in and around Moscow is holding steady but remains elevated. Latah County's positivity rate is 39.5%, as compared to Ada County at 23%, Bonneville County at 29.5% and Nez Perce County at 21.5%.

National trends are showing a downward trajectory. We anticipate reconsidering our COVID-19 protocols in the coming weeks. If we continue to see a decline, we hope to move into an individually led COVID-19 response where those who choose to wear masks are encouraged to do so. But we aren't quite there.

For now, we will continue to require masks on the Moscow campus. Statewide masking protocols are under the direction of the local executive officer or site manager. Please continue to follow your local guidance.

Beginning today, free KN95 masks are available across the Moscow campus, while supplies last. You can pick up a package of three masks at:

- Department of Student Involvement Office Front Desk
- ISUB Information Desk
- Pitman Information Desk
- LLC Help Desk
- Well Space in Student Recreation Center
- VandalStore
- And in conjunction with free rapid test distribution, available noon to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Student Recreation

Center, east entrance. A valid VandalCard is required for the test kit.

 Free KN95s are also available at Rite Aid at the Palouse Mall.

KN95s will be sent this week to the centers for distribution. Rapid tests are available at our centers in Idaho Falls, <u>Boise</u> and <u>Coeur</u> d'Alene.

Grayson Cottier, a first-year student from Boise, is the winner of the second \$1,000 vaccine incentive drawing of the semester. Students, <u>submit your proof of vaccination now</u> to be included in future drawings. <u>Vaccines are readily available</u> for free across the state. We continue to offer <u>vaccination clinics</u> for students and employees in Moscow.

Report any positive cases through a <u>VandalCARE report</u> so the university can best assist you. Take care of yourself. The Counseling Center is available at 208-885-6716. For employees, our <u>EAP program</u> is available.

Keep Calm and Vandal On!

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