

TO: University of Idaho Students and Employees

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SUBJECT: Positivity Rates Declining in Latah County

Gritman Medical Center saw the first decline in COVID-19 positivity rates in quite some time last week. Two weeks ago, they reported 23.7% positivity. Last week was 18.3%. This is great news. It follows the trend we are seeing across Idaho. We anticipate continued decline this week and, as such, are meeting with Idaho Public Health and Gritman Medical Center to discuss possible changes in our Moscow protocols. For now, we will continue to require masks on the Moscow campus. We encourage those with concerns about relaxing the mask mandate to take steps now to prepare for the shift. KN95 masks are available, and wearing one will protect you even if others are not masked. Statewide masking protocols are under the direction of the local executive officer or site manager. Please continue to follow your local guidance.

As we think about a more individually focused approach to protecting ourselves, remember:

- Vaccinations are readily available on the <u>Moscow campus</u> and around the state.
- <u>Free rapid tests</u> and <u>KN95 masks</u> are available on the Moscow campus and at our regional centers in <u>Boise</u>, <u>Coeur d'Alene</u> and Idaho Falls.
- Report any positive cases through a <u>VandalCARE report</u> so the university can best assist you. The Counseling Center is available at 208-885-6716. For employees, our <u>EAP</u> <u>program</u> is available.

Continue to keep your health and that of those around you top of mind.

Keep Calm and Vandal On!

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