

TO: University of Idaho Students and Employees

FROM: Scott Green, President

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**SUBJECT:** Boise Moves to Mask Optional

COVID-19 cases continue to decline across the state. This week saw Ada County move to a "yellow" status with the Centers for Disease Control, and therefore masks are optional at all University of Idaho facilities in Boise, effective today. Moscow and Coeur d'Alene moved to mask optional a week ago. All other regions of the state should follow local protocols.

As in Moscow and Coeur d'Alene, instructors in Boise may require masks in the classroom and should clearly communicate these expectations with students.

We are nearing the end of our vaccine incentive program for students. Students must <u>submit proof of vaccination</u> by 5 p.m. Pacific time, Friday, March 11, to be included in the final drawing for tuition credit.

Next week is Spring Break. We hope you enjoy this time and continue to practice healthy habits. We are two years into the pandemic and the road ahead is looking good. Please continue to be respectful and professional as we navigate through a transition to a more normal way of living.

Keep Calm and Vandal On!

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