



TO: University of Idaho Students and Employees
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SUBJECT: Free Tests and Masks Still Available

The return from Spring Break means we are in the home stretch of the school year. It is a busy and exciting time. Best of all, it does not, at this time, seem to be threatened by the pandemic. Reported positive cases remain in single digits. Cases across the state continue to drop, and we are seeing the lowest positivity and hospitalization rates in nearly two years.

Because of this we do not anticipate any changes to our current protocols in the coming weeks. We will continue with a mask-optional approach in all our university buildings across the state. Instructors can require masks in their classrooms. Gritman Medical Center and Idaho Public Health continue to support this approach.

Resources remain available so you can take control of your own safety:

- Vaccinations are readily available [around the state](#).
- [Free rapid tests](#) and [KN95 masks](#) are available on the Moscow campus and at our regional centers in [Boise](#), [Coeur d'Alene](#) and Idaho Falls. In Moscow, these are available from noon to 2 p.m. each weekday at the east entrance of the Student Recreation Center. Your Vandal ID is required.
- Report any positive cases through a [VandalCare report](#) so the university can best assist you. The Counseling Center is available at 208-885-6716. For employees, our [EAP program](#) is available.

Nearly 5,000 students submitted proof of vaccination as part of our vaccine incentives program. The most recent winners of tuition credits were Jordan Kincaide, a junior from Dublin, California, majoring in management and HR-management; and Henry Jensen, a sophomore from Moscow majoring in music composition. Congratulations!

We do not expect a need to send weekly updates for the remainder of the semester, but we will certainly do so if we have new information or protocols need to change. It is as important as ever that we continue to treat each other with respect in the personal decisions we each make. Let's finish strong and celebrate all our shared success.

Keep Calm and Vandal On!

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