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**TO:** University of Idaho Faculty, Staff and Students

**FROM:** Scott Green, President

**DATE:** March 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Health Update After Jazz Festival

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We are coming off another successful Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and I appreciate everyone who came together once again to make this a great event. Unfortunately, such events are not immune to the realities of what is happening in our world.

Media is reporting a student from Jackson High School in Snohomish County, Washington, has been diagnosed with [novel coronavirus](#). While this student has no direct ties to U of I or the Jazz Festival, Jackson High School did participate in Jazz Festival. The affected student was not at the festival. There is no indication that any student at the festival had direct contact with the reportedly infected student and none of the students exhibited any signs of the illness while in Moscow.

Throughout the festival and upon its conclusion, extra effort was made by U of I janitorial staff to deep clean all areas used by Jazz Festival attendees.

U of I is working directly with [Public Health – Idaho North Central District](#) to assess risk and monitor the situation. Public

health officials have determined risk of transmission to be low at this time and will work with U of I should events change. There are no known cases of coronavirus in Idaho.

U of I is also communicating regularly with [Gritman Medical Center](#). The hospital, in close coordination with Public Health, is well-trained and prepared to respond.

U of I has an [Infectious Disease Response Protocol](#) and a team that is monitoring the situation and is prepared to implement a response, if necessary. As always, the safety of students, guests, faculty and staff is a priority.

To reduce your risk of infection from this and other illnesses, please follow, and encourage others to follow, basic protocols including:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The [Vandal Health Clinic](#) can assist you with concerns about your health. This is an option for employees, as well as students, and is readily accessible on the Moscow campus. The Vandal Health Clinic takes walk-ins, but you can also schedule an appointment by calling 208-885-6693. The clinic is located in

the center of campus at 831 Ash St., just east from the Idaho Student Union Building. Visit Student Health for additional information.

We will continue to monitor this issue and will keep you updated of any changes.

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