

TO: University of Idaho Faculty, Staff and Students

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SUBJECT: U of I Moving to Online/Remote Courses Indefinitely

Early Friday evening, the Idaho State Board of Education supported the University of Idaho's plan to transition from face-to-face to online/remote instruction following Spring Break for an indefinite period of time. For the safety of our communities beginning Monday, March 23, no classes will be held in person. The situation will be evaluated daily, and we will give one-week notice should we return to face-to-face instruction later in the semester.

The university is canceling all events planned for more than 100 attendees while classes are being offered remotely, including the March 28 Uldaho Bound. This event will be moved to a virtual experience for future Vandals. Smaller events may be canceled by the event organizer on a case-by-case basis.

Campus will remain open with all regular services available. The residence halls and campus dining options will remain open. Students in Greek chapter houses should check with their chapter leadership regarding housing options.

Students

You can participate in classes from any location. The Moscow campus, as well as all statewide locations, will remain open and accessible. Please plan for internet access and technology

needs. <u>ITS has Chromebooks and iPads</u> you can check out on the Moscow campus.

Faculty

Please communicate with your students about altered delivery methods which must be available for students at a distance. Be flexible and mindful of challenges students may face transitioning to remote learning. The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning remains available to help you prepare your classes.

All Employees

You are expected to continue your normal work hours and location. If a change is necessary, please complete the <u>Flexible</u> <u>Work Arrangement Form</u>. The form requires supervisor approval. Human Resources will manage issues of medical accommodation, if necessary.

Updates and information will be provided throughout Spring Break, so please watch your email and <u>visit the university</u>

<u>COVID-19 website</u> to stay up-to-date on this fast-changing situation. We continue to work through this challenging time together, as Vandals.

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