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TO: University of Idaho Students, Faculty and Staff

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SUBJECT: Positive Cases Drop; Untested Students May Have Restricted System Access

The COVID-19 infection rate across the state seems to be on a decline. That is also true here on the Moscow campus as we begin the spring semester. But now is no time to let up on the shared responsibilities in the [Healthy Vandal Pledge](#).

We tested 778 people last week, and the percent of positives was 1.80%. Of the first 6,023 tests of the spring semester, only 1.78% came back positive. This is encouraging – and we want to keep it this way.

A small number of students enrolled in in-person classes remain untested. Access to U of I systems may be restricted for students who are required to be tested and have not completed a test nor received an approved exemption from the test. Steps for how to request an exemption or obtain a test have been sent repeatedly to these students. Their lack of testing puts people around them at risk, so it is important for us to take this requirement seriously.

Fifty students who tested Jan. 6-13 received \$100 VandalStore gift cards. Notification has been sent to these students. Congratulations!

Surveillance testing continues to be our best tool for catching outbreaks early. If you are invited to test or if you think you may

have been exposed, [schedule a test](#) at the Student Recreation Center. If you are symptomatic or if the on-campus testing opportunities do not fit your schedule, contact covid19questions@uidaho.edu to request a referral to be tested at Gritman Medical Center's mobile testing site on South Jackson Street. You can drive through or walk up at that testing location.

It is our shared duty to be diligent and keep each other as healthy as possible.

Keep Calm and Vandal On.

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