

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

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**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Testing Results Continue to Be Low

We hope you were able to enjoy the winter weather over the extra-long weekend. Testing results from the past week indicate you continue to put your classmates and colleagues first, and we thank you for continuing to follow the <a href="Healthy Vandal Pledge">Healthy Vandal Pledge</a>. We tested 655 people last week and saw 0.92% positive results.

We continue to join with our higher education partners around the state to advocate for moving front-line faculty and staff into a priority list for the COVID-19 vaccine. We hope to hear soon if the state will move this group from the general population to an earlier group.

Meanwhile, vaccinations are rolling out in our community to those 65 and over. Beginning tomorrow, Feb. 18, the Student Recreation Center (SRC) will serve as the main vaccination site for Gritman Medical Center. All reservations for a vaccine appointment should be made through <u>Gritman's online portal</u>. Appointments are only open to those who meet state qualifications that spell out <u>vaccine priority</u>.

COVID-19 testing continues each Tuesday at the SRC. If you receive an email invitation to participate in surveillance testing, please do so. If you are symptomatic or are concerned of possible exposure, contact <a href="mailto:covid19questions@uidaho.edu">covid19questions@uidaho.edu</a> to schedule a test at Gritman's mobile testing site.

Thank you for your continued efforts. They are paying off.

Keep Calm and Vandal On.

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