



TO: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff

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SUBJECT: Classes Resume March 22, COVID-19 Protocols in Place

We hope everyone is able to enjoy some downtime during Spring Break next week. Because of the break there will not be a COVID-19 update memo on Monday. Here are a few things to keep in mind as classes begin again on Monday, March 22.

- Classes will resume Monday, March 22, in the format indicated in the course schedule.
- All students participating in in-person learning will be required to have a new COVID-19 test. Testing will take place March 22-24.
- These are simultaneous because

- No transmission of COVID-19 has been traced to a U of I classroom.
- Surveillance testing prior to the break continues to show low infection rates.
- Our infection rates remained low within the university community following winter break.
- Our testing lab continues to produce fast results, so we are able to isolate any positive cases quickly.
- All COVID-19 protocols will remain in place through the semester, including continued surveillance testing.
- Students, faculty, and staff continue to follow the Healthy Vandal Pledge to keep the spread of COVID-19 extremely low.
- Lists of students ineligible to further participate in person will be sent to instructors by Friday, March 26. Restricted access to university systems, including BbLearn and VandalWeb, will follow for students who have not completed the required testing.

The state's vaccination schedule continues to move forward. This is great news. We strongly encourage you to sign up in [Idaho's COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System](#).

We will remain diligent as we finish out the school year and look forward to what the future holds, post-pandemic.

Go Vandals!

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