

The College of Idaho
COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Dear YoteFam,

The planning process for reopening the College in-person this fall has been underway for several months, and while some operational details continue to develop, we wish to communicate the general framework established for ensuring the safety of our community.

The College of Idaho recognizes the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccinations in reducing the potential for infection, transmission, severe illness, and death. COVID-19 vaccines have met the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's rigorous scientific standards for safety and have been approved for Emergency Use Authorization. Moreover, they have proven to be remarkably safe over the period of their use, with over 294 million doses administered in the U.S. alone through May 2021. For these reasons, and in line with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the College embraces the COVID-19 vaccine as the primary means for keeping our community safe and [fully operational for the fall 2021 Semester](#).

Accordingly, effective at the start of the fall 2021 semester, all students must do one of the following: 1) provide documentation of having received one of the approved COVID-19 vaccinations; 2) obtain approval for a religious or medical exemption from this requirement; or 3) consent to regular COVID-19 PCR testing at personal expense.

More information regarding specific procedures for compliance with this policy will be forthcoming. In the meantime, we wish you the very best during your time away.

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