

Dear College of Idaho Community,

As part of our COVID-19 Task Force planning, the College identified the need for all members of our community to wear face masks. [CDC guidelines](#) are clear about the benefits of face masks to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and exposure.

COVID-19 continues to spread globally, including the U.S. and Idaho, and even on our own campus. Given the continued spread, it is vital that we all do our part to mitigate potential illness in our community.

To this end, face masks are now required on campus, and must be worn at all times, except when:

- Alone in an office.
- In your residence hall room when alone, or with an assigned roommate (masks must be worn in residence hall public spaces, such as lobbies and hallways).
- Exercising or eating when you can maintain physical distancing from others.
- Outside when you can ensure physical distancing from others.
- Otherwise recommended not to wear a mask, e.g. children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, anyone who is unable to remove the mask without assistance.

As always, please remember to maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others, and to wash your hands regularly.

With wishes for a well-community,  
Doug and Jim  
Co-Presidents