Dear Members of the Yote Community,

Today, March 25, Governor Little issued a "Stay-at-Home" Order for the State of Idaho in an effort to slow the statewide spread of COVID-19. Effectively immediately, this means that all residents should stay at home if possible and avoid all but essential activities outside their residences pending further notification for at least the next 21 days.

This Order does not mean that residents cannot leave their homes for any reasons. They may still venture out for food and medication, and outdoor activity such as walking, hiking, running, and biking are allowed. However, a safe distance of at least six feet must be kept between those who do not live in the same household.

The College of Idaho put a "Stay-at-Home" protocol into place well in advance of this statewide mandate, so this new directive from the Governor's Office does not require any additional action to be taken on campus. Moreover, the Order allows for the continued operation of educational institutions such as The College of Idaho for purposes of facilitating distance learning and performing essential functions, provided that social distancing and other safety measures are observed.

We will continue to monitor the recommendations from health authorities, as well as state and federal officials, and adjust our campus living and working arrangements as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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