

Dear College of Idaho Community,

We were notified today that a member of our Yotefam has tested positive for COVID-19. The person has been isolating since experiencing symptoms, and everyone with whom the person had sustained contact has been notified, is in self-quarantine, and being tested. We ask that you respect the privacy of these individuals, but we understand this news may elicit questions, so feel free to reach out to me at [pbennion@collegeofidaho.edu](mailto:pbennion@collegeofidaho.edu). We also understand that this news can cause anxiety, so if you feel a need to speak with someone, please reach out to our Wellness Center Director, Cynthia Mauzerall ([cmauzerall@collegeofidaho.edu](mailto:cmauzerall@collegeofidaho.edu)).

This is a reminder about how important it is for all members of our community to adhere to physical distancing guidelines (when possible maintain 6 feet of separation), wear masks, and practice proper hygiene. It is also important to monitor your own symptoms, so in order to make sure we are supporting anyone in our community who might be sick, and to limit exposure to others, we ask students, faculty, and staff to self-report if they are 1) experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell), 2) experiencing these symptoms and been tested, but waiting results, or 3) experiencing these symptoms and been notified of a positive result. This information will remain confidential.

Thank you for taking efforts to keep yourself and the other members of our Yotefam safe and healthy.

Sincerely,  
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