

Dear College of Idaho Residents,

Per the Presidents' email yesterday, in order to minimize the potential transmission of COVID-19, effective immediately the College is limiting employees on campus to those absolutely necessary to providing critical infrastructure needs, e.g. food service, campus safety, residence life, wellness, and facilities. Please know the College is committed to making sure your basic needs are being met while you continue your studies online. All College staff working from home, in addition to your faculty, are available to you as needed via electronic communication.

It is also becoming increasingly likely that a shelter-in-place order will be issued by the College and/or local or state government, as has been done already in a number of other counties and states. A shelter-in-place order would require all students to remain in their rooms except to pick up food, seek medical attention, and possibly go outdoors for some limited activity that adheres to recommended "physical distancing" guidelines, e.g. six feet of separation from other individuals.

Regardless of whether a shelter-in-place order is issued, the College is requiring students and employees to practice physical distancing at all times. We are inherently social beings, so we know how difficult this is to internalize and practice, but we all must do our part to "flatten the curve," so that we can minimize those who become sick or die, keep our health care systems from becoming overwhelmed, and hope to return as quickly as possible to a normal state of existence.

Please do your part to maintain physical distance for the foreseeable future. Meet with a friend, but sit across the room from one another; grab your food and go; utilize social media as much as possible (didn't think I'd ever say that 😊); and don't congregate in large groups where you can't maintain six feet of separation.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. #physicaldistancing #flattenthecurve #yotefam

Respectfully,

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