Dear College of Idaho Community,

Today, after a resurgence of COVID-19 cases statewide, Idaho Governor Brad Little rolled the state back from Stage 3 to a modified Stage 2 in regards to the state’s reopening plan. The College is currently in Phase 4 of its own reopening plan, which was even more restrictive (including a mask mandate, which is still the strongest form of protection we have) than the state’s protocols. As a result, the action taken by the state will have little impact on our students and faculty and how they will finish out the semester over the next week and a half.

The College continues to allow for flexibility to work remotely and encourages those who can accomplish their tasks remotely to work with their managers to make arrangements to telework from home if possible. All those continuing to work on campus are expected to adhere to the YotePact and continue the successful semester to which all of you have contributed.

As part of the state’s rollback, gatherings of more than 10 people, both public and private, are prohibited; however, gatherings directly related to education are exempted from this restriction. Mainly the College’s athletic teams and some activities will be affected by this change. As a result:

- All team activities will be adjusted back to a pod structure of 10 people or less
- Tonight’s (Nov. 13) volleyball scrimmage is cancelled
- Men’s and women’s golf matches scheduled for Sunday (Nov. 15) in Lewiston have been cancelled
- Men’s and women’s basketball scrimmages and games have been cancelled through the Thanksgiving weekend
- Weight room scheduling will continue to be available on a sign-up basis and will be adjusted for less than 10 participants per time slot
- Both Saturday (Nov. 14 & 21) Swimming events will still be held, as they are already virtual events; athletes will be staged outside of the pool area in groups of 10 or less

Thank you to all in the YoteFam for your diligence toward keeping our community safe.

Doug & Jim
Co-Presidents