

Healthy Vandals Policies

It is a longstanding tradition that Vandals take care of Vandals, and we all do our best to look out for the Vandal Family. These simple precautions go a long way in reducing the impact of coronavirus on our campuses and in our communities. With everyone engaging in these small actions, we can continue to participate in our vibrant campus culture where we are able to learn, live, and grow. Please bookmark the [University of Idaho Covid-19 webpage](#) and visit it often for the most up-to-date information about the U of I's response to Covid-19.

- Masks are required, effective immediately, in all university buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Faculty may wear a face shield to lead classes and must maintain 6 feet of distance while wearing the shield. These requirements will be reviewed on a periodic basis and are subject to change.
- All classes are offered in the modality listed in the catalog.
- All Vandals are highly encouraged to be [vaccinated](#).
- COVID-19 tests are not required to attend class in person.

Additionally, faculty and students must follow the Healthy Vandal Pledge:

1. **Daily Symptom Monitoring and In-Person Class Attendance.** Evaluate your own health status before attending in-person classes and refrain from attending class in-person if you are ill, if you are experiencing any of the [known symptoms of coronavirus](#), or if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been potentially exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - Stay home if you experience any symptoms related to COVID 19 and that are not attributed to a non-infectious health condition regardless of how mild.
 - Contact your medical provider or local Idaho Public Health District for assessment of symptoms and possible COVID19 testing. Positive COVID 19 tests should be submitted via a [VandalCare Report](#) in order to make arrangements that involve classroom absences due to illness, and/or quarantine or isolation requirements directed by a medical provider.
2. **Face Masks.** All faculty, staff, students and visitors across all U of I locations must use face masks whenever indoors at any U of I buildings. You are required to wear a face mask over your nose and mouth indoors at all times.
 - a. If you have a medical condition that affects your ability to comply with the face covering policy, please contact [the Center for Disability Access and Resources \(CDAR\)](#) to request a reasonable accommodation.
 - b. Failure to wear a face covering means you will be required to leave the classroom. If a disruption to the learning experience occurs due to repeated offence and/or egregious behavior, it will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for potential code violation.

NOTE: This does not need to be included in the syllabus, but this would be the procedure for faculty to respond to a student who refuses to wear a mask:

Protocols for dealing with students who do not adhere to face mask policy:

All UI students must wear face masks while inside of UI buildings, including in classrooms. Students are not permitted to remove face masks during classes even if they are able to maintain a six-foot distance from other students.

Step 1 – In the event a student refuses to wear a face mask while in class, faculty member should address the behavior and request that the student put on a face mask. For example: “There is a requirement that all community members wear a face mask while in classrooms to keep us all safe and healthy. Please wear a face mask to continue to be in this space.”

Step 2 – If a student still refuses to wear a face mask, the faculty member should ask them to leave the classroom.

Step 3 – If the student refuses to leave the class you should contact Campus Security (885-SAFE) to have the student removed from the classroom

Here is the recent communication from the president and provost: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/health-clinic/covid-19/memos/memo-210811-green-lawrence.pdf>