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# **AA Spring Town Hall**

**(April 26, 2022)**

Dr. Karen Appleby, Interim Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

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# Agenda

- COVID Update- Chris Owens
- OER - Jeremy Thomas and Cindy Hill
- Budget Update- Karen Appleby and Jen Steele
- CEC- Angie Dangerfield & Katie Thomas
- Program Health- Karen Appleby and Cindy Hill
- LMS Discussion- Blake Beck and Karen Appleby
- Distinguished and Outstanding Faculty- Karen



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# **Welcome to Incoming Provost Dr. Valerie Martin-Conley**

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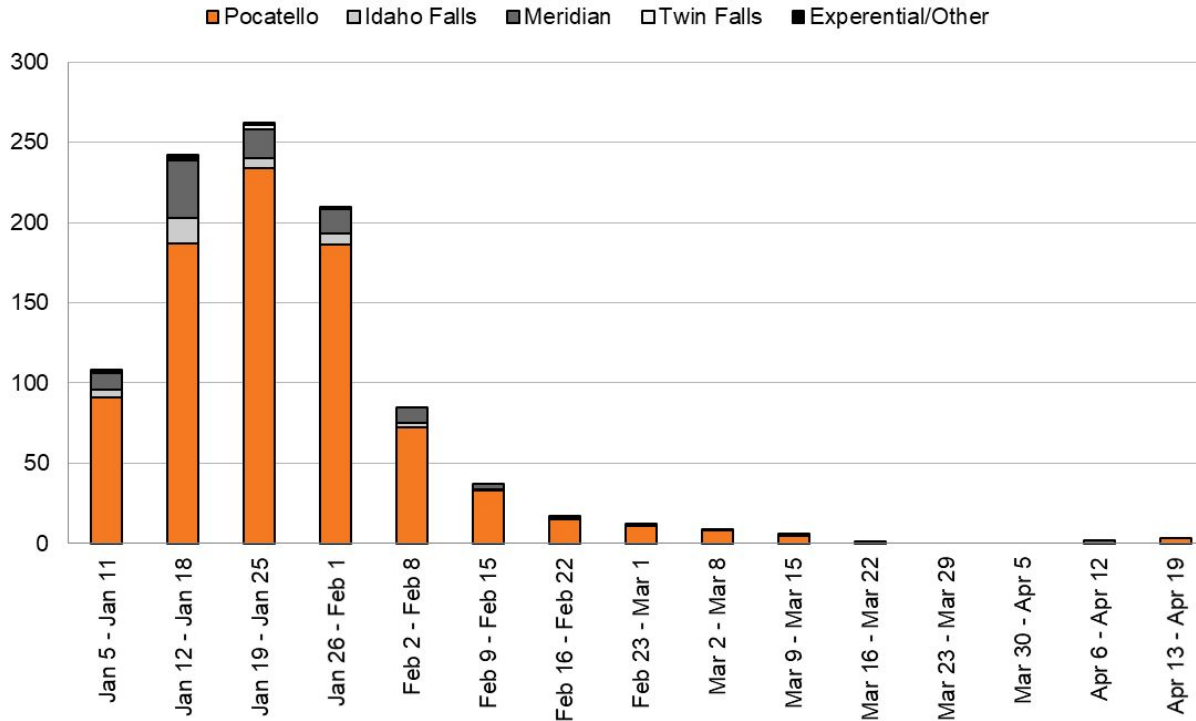
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# **Review of Spring COVID Conditions To Date**

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### COVID Cases by Campus Location Spring Semester

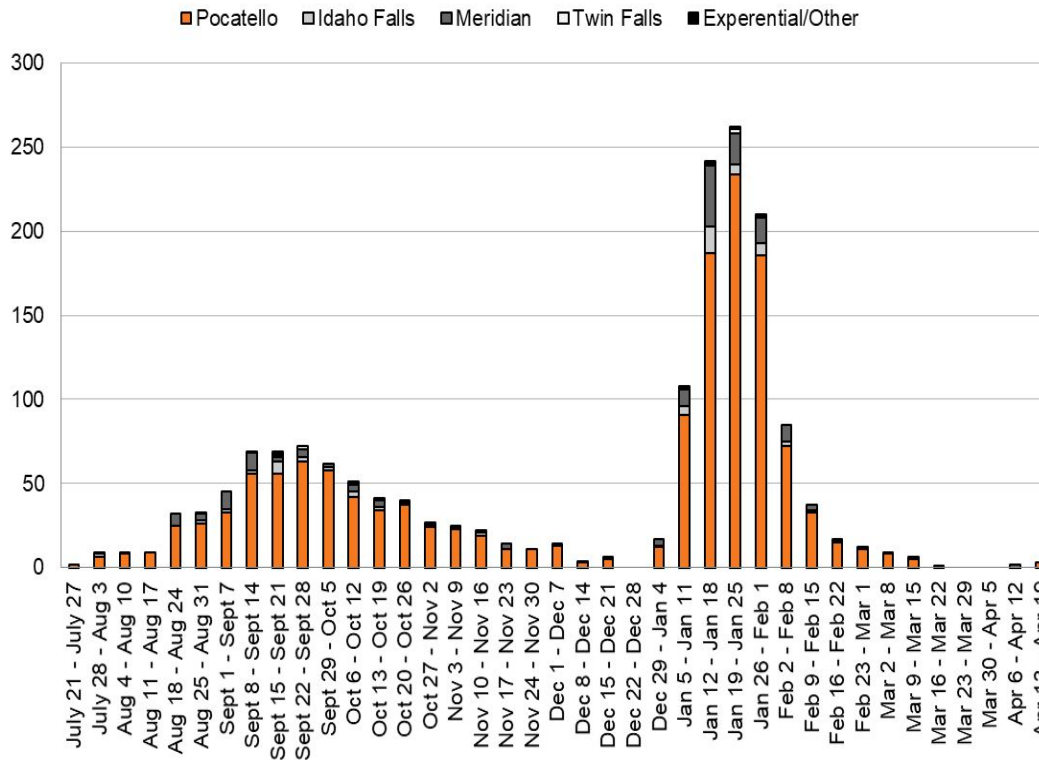


This semester we saw the largest surge of reported COVID cases in a single week: **262**

This has been followed by the lowest number of reported cases since June of last year



### Comparison of Delta and Omicron Surges



Graph prepared by:  
David Jenkins

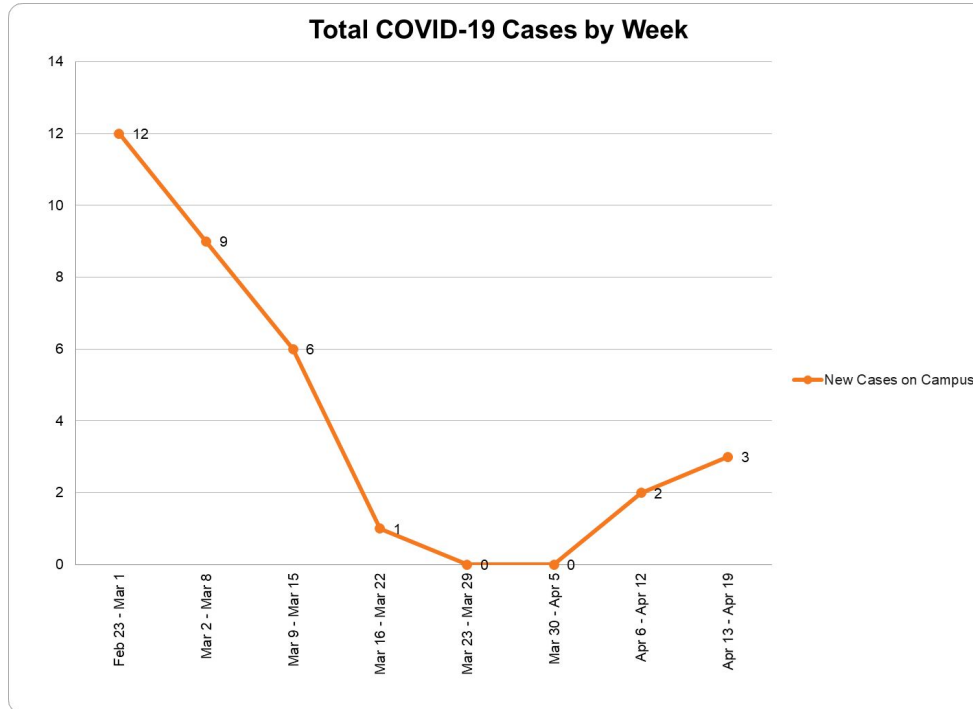
At the peak of the Omicron surge there was >3X the number of reported COVID cases than was seen during the Delta surge

The Omicron infection curve was much more condensed compared to that of Delta's.

# Current COVID Conditions



## COVID Conditions at ISU Over the Last 8-weeks



COVID cases have remained low across all campus locations since late February.

The last time our numbers were this low was June of last year.

Classroom disruptions related to COVID are also at an all-time low.

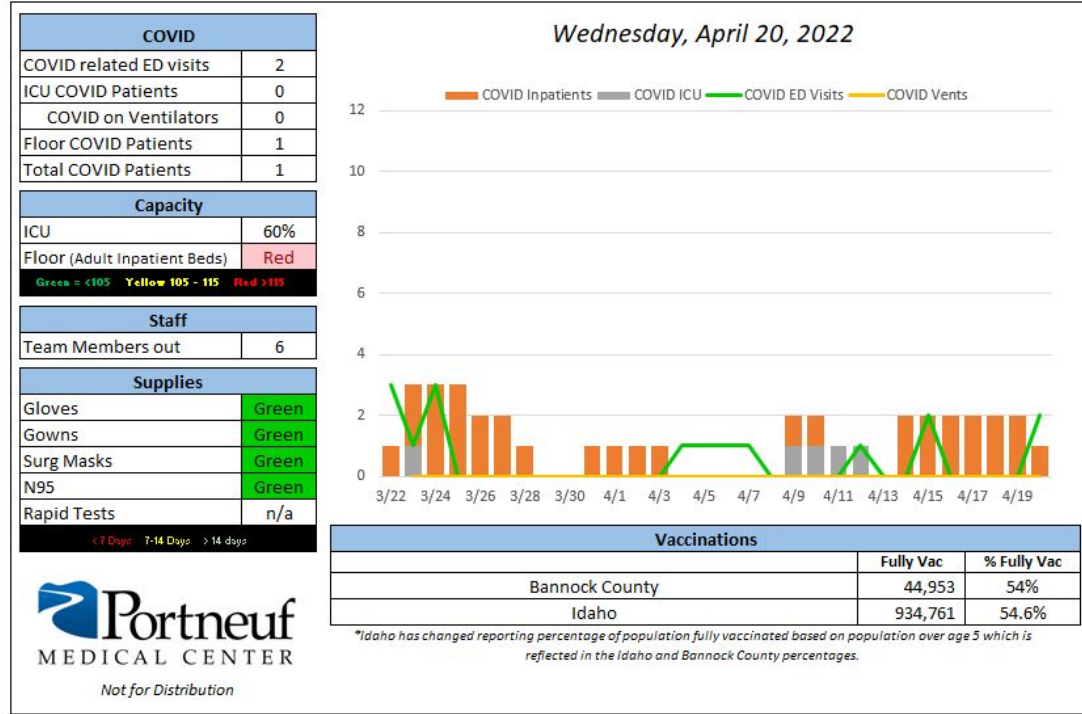




## Current Conditions at Portneuf Medical Center

- Hospitalization and number of COVID patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) are the lowest they have been in months
- No COVID patients have required the use of ventilators for the last few weeks
- COVID- related emergency department (ED) visits remain low

Portneuf Medical Center  
COVID Dashboard



Graph from Portneuf COVID  
Dashboard

# COVID Forecast



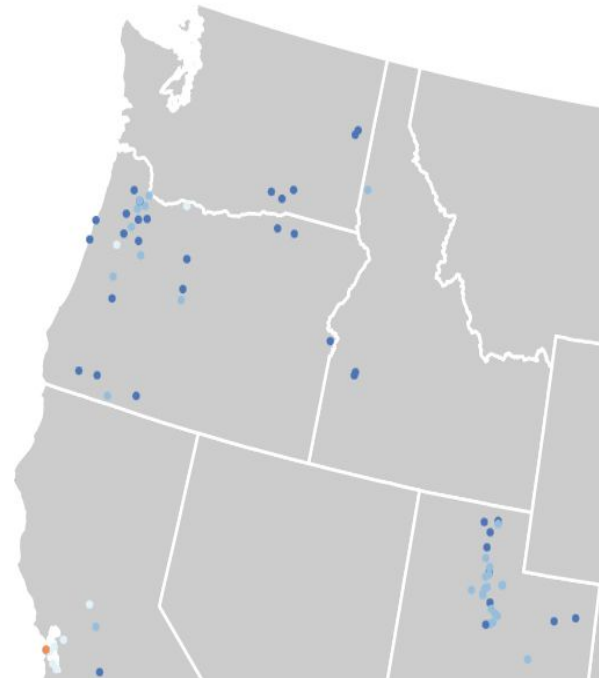
- COVID forecasting for more than a few weeks is difficult and not recommended by most infectious disease experts
  - Like the weather, the further out the forecast goes the more inaccurate it becomes
- That being said:
  - New COVID hospital admissions are projected to stay relatively stable over the next few weeks
  - New COVID deaths are projected to continue to decline in the coming days



# COVID Wastewater Surveillance

- Wastewater surveillance as a surrogate marker of COVID activity is conducted at selected locations
- Indicates if SARS-CoV-2 levels at in wastewater are currently higher or lower than historical levels at the same site.
- 0% means levels are the lowest they have been at the site; 100% means levels are the highest they have been at the site.

○ New site   ● 0% to 19%   ● 20% to 39%   ● 40% to 59%   ● 60% to 79%   ● 80% to 100%



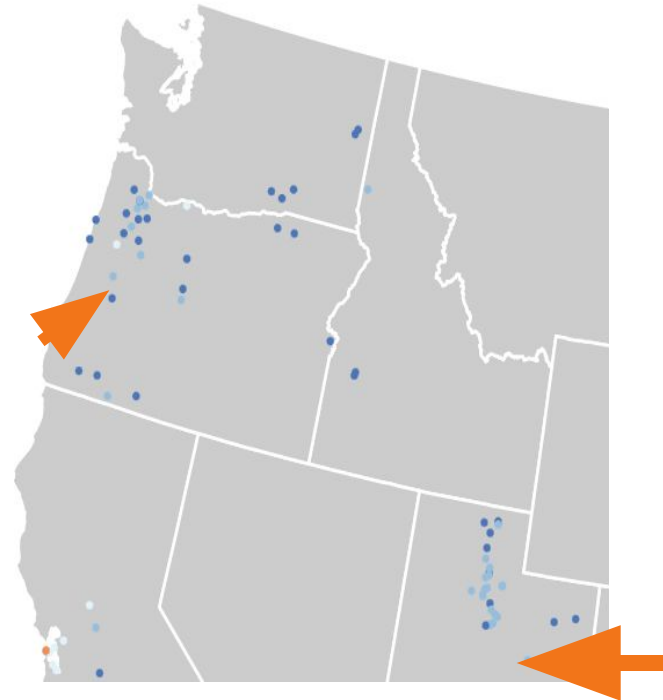
Graph from CDC's COVID-19: Wastewater Surveillance Site  
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#wastewater-surveillance>



# COVID Wastewater Surveillance (Continued)

- Some wastewater treatment sites in our region are beginning to showing an uptick in the amount of SARS-CoV-2 virus being detected
- Oregon has begun to see an increase in COVID cases over the last four weeks
- This could indicate we will also see a rise in COVID cases in Idaho in the coming weeks

○ New site   ● 0% to 19%   ● 20% to 39%   ● 40% to 59%   ● 60% to 79%   ● 80% to 100%



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# Historic COVID Trends: National

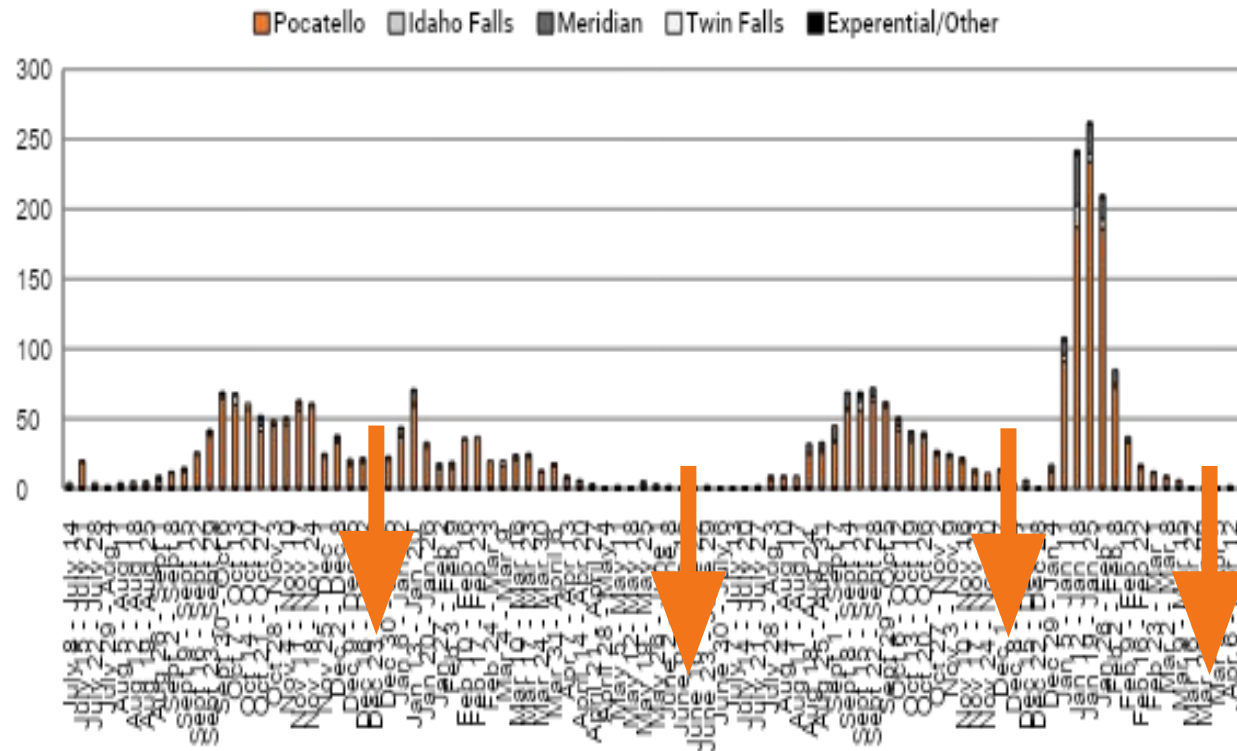
## New reported cases



Pattern of  
surges and  
declines  
has  
emerged  
over the  
last few  
years

Graph from New York Times - Latest Map and  
Case Count  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

## Historic COVID Trends: ISU



- ISU's pattern of surges and declines have followed national trends
- Based on this we should expect to see an uptick in cases in the near future
- It is hard to predict the magnitude of the next surge we will see

Graph from Idaho State's  
COVID-19 Dashboard  
<https://www.isu.edu/roaringback/COVIDcases/>



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# **Continuing to Protect Ourselves, Our Students, and the Community**

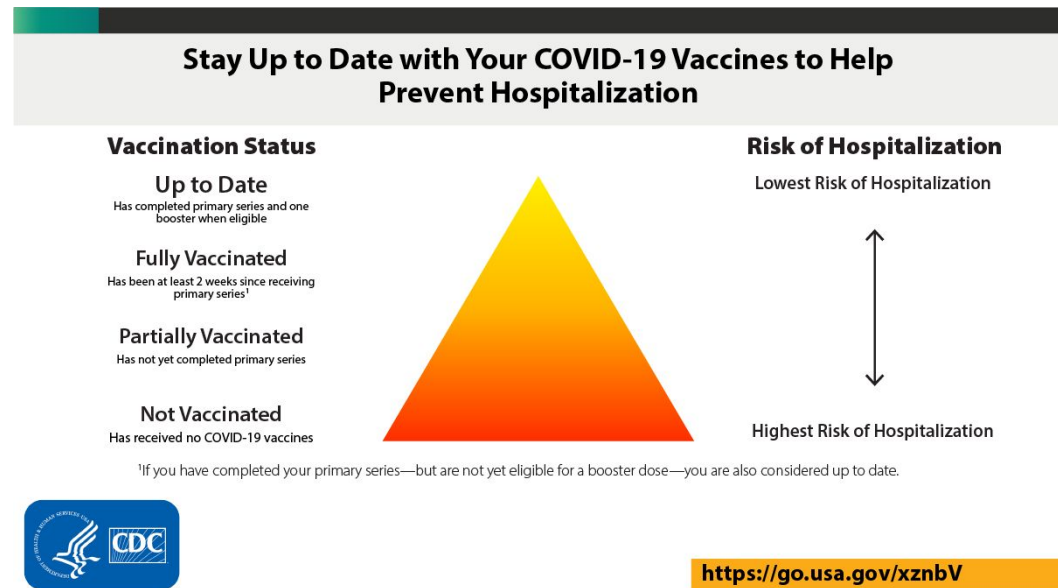
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## Stay Up-To-Date On Your COVID Vaccines

- If you are 5 months out from your 2nd dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines you are eligible for booster
- If you are 2 months out from the J&J vaccine, you are eligible for a booster with Moderna or Pfizer.
- Boosters help to counteract waning vaccine and natural immunity
- Vaccinations are available at nearly every pharmacy (including Bengal Pharmacy) and local Health Departments





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# **COVID Impact on Incoming First-Year Students**

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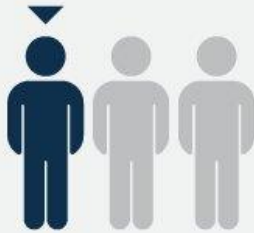
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Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences  
During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2021

## Mental Health & Suicidality

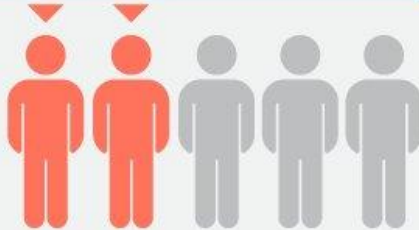
**1** out of **3**

students had poor mental health during the pandemic



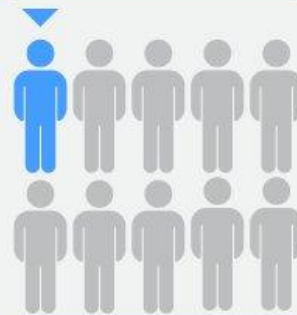
**2** out of **5**

students felt emotional distress during the past year



**1** out of every **10**

students attempted suicide during the past year



Poor mental health and suicide attempts were **less common** among students who **felt close to people at school**



<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>





# OER Update

- ISU Plan to be submitted to State Board in May
  - Purpose to increase “access and affordability”
  - Based on substantial committee work with multiple rounds of data gathering, feedback, and refinement
- Proposes 8 strategies, including:
  - Broad ongoing support for identification, adoption, and implementation of OER, especially in high-ROI courses
  - Ongoing faculty/admin conversations about OER values and opportunities, and challenges and concerns
  - Proposal-based funding for OER projects
  - Discussions of valuing OER efforts in review processes
  - Course material cost attributes in class schedule

# FY2023 Final Budget

## Fund Shift (appropriated positions)

## Tuition and Fee Increases

Undergraduate Resident: 1.1% (student activity fees)

Undergraduate Non-Resident: 2.4%

Graduate Resident: 3.0%

Graduate Non-Resident: 3.0%

Professional Fees: Vary by program

## Line Items

Nuclear Engineering: \$550K 1x, \$500K ongoing

Forensic Pathology: \$900K 1x

# FY2023 Budget Outlook

**FY2022: \$5.64M deficit (excluding COVID relief)**

**FY2023: \$3.92M deficit**

## Revenue

Fund shift, fee increases, 1.75% enrollment increase, pre-COVID activity levels, unit updates

## Expense

Final position list, 5% CEC, fringe rate increases, appropriated salary savings split, pre-COVID activity levels, unit updates, enrollment investments



# Budget Update

- AA's FY23 budget remained flat

Salary	\$6,555,585	\$2,613,000	\$9,168,585
Operating	\$1,217,040	\$1,028,649	\$2,245,689
Total Budget	\$7,772,625	\$3,641,649	\$11,414,274

- In March, the Legislature approved GOV Little's sponsored line item for \$1M to enhance ISU and UI's cooperative nuclear engineering programs on the Idaho Falls campus



# CEC Update

- Jan 2022 - Present: HR/Finance developing market analysis for non-classified staff and faculty (new this year - have done previously for classified)
- March 2022
  - DHR/DFM published statewide CEC guidance for FY23 distribution ISU received direction from OSBE for higher ed
  - Legislature approved ISU budget based on 5% total (structure ATB + merit/market)
- Present - HR/Finance currently working with departments to ensure individuals are accurately slotted for market comparison, and building CEC models
- Next couple weeks - Submit plan and wait for DHR/DFM approval\*
- Mid-May - CEC campus communication and individual employee letters





# CEC Implementation Dates

- Effective Dates for CEC Actions
  - Classified Staff - June 12
  - Non-Classified Staff (12-month) and Faculty (12-month) - June 26
  - Faculty (9, 10, 11 month contract starting Aug. 14) - July 24



# Program Health Update

- State Board requires an annual update on Program Health (***AKA Program Prioritization by the SBOE***)
- Programs in bottom 2 quintiles provided updated Action Plans in November, 2021
- 22 Non-Instructional Programs also reviewed
- SBOE Report due June SBOE Meeting
- Incoming Provost Martin-Conley will provide guidance on next steps



# LMS Discussion

- 10+ years since any formal assessment of LMS
- Evaluating Moodle and Canvas
- Please complete the survey instrument by May 6
- Making a Recommendation by November 22
- Contact LMS committee representatives with input or questions
- Survey Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp7CxqrtMC>



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# Distinguished & Outstanding Faculty

## Distinguished Researcher Award



**Thom Hasenpflug**

Department of Music, School of Performing  
Arts, College of Arts & Letters

## Outstanding Researcher Finalists

Dr. Arunima Datta, Assistant  
Professor, Department of History

Dr. Courtney Jenkins, Assistant  
Professor, Department of Chemistry

Dr. Mary Nies, Professor, School of  
Nursing

Dr. Ellen Rogo, Professor and  
Associate Dean of Curriculum &  
Assessment, Department of Dental  
Hygiene

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# Distinguished & Outstanding Faculty

## Distinguished Service Award



**Dave Martin**

Department of Physician Assistant  
Studies, College of Health

## 2021-2022 Outstanding Service Finalists

Dr. Zackery Heern, Associate Professor and Chair,  
Departments of History

Dr. Ryan Lindsay, Associate Professor and Chair,  
Department of Community & Public Health

Dr. Dani Moffit, Associate Professor and Program  
Director, Department of Human Performance &  
Sport Studies

Dr. Renee Robinson, Associate Professor,  
Department of Pharmacy Practice &  
Administrative Sciences



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# Distinguished & Outstanding Faculty

## Distinguished Teacher Award



**Nancy Devine**

Department of Physical & Occupational  
Therapy, College of Health

## 2021-2022 Outstanding Master Teacher Finalists

Dr. Paul Bodily, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Computer Science

Jennifer Briggs, Instructor, Practical Nursing,  
Department of Health Occupations

Dr. Anna Grinath, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. David Lawrimore, Assistant Professor,  
Department of English

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# DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

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