The Center for Disease Controls and Prevention requires Idaho State University to provide the following information to participants of our screening program. If you have additional questions or seek further clarification after carefully reviewing this information, please email the University Health Committee at covid@health.isu.edu.

Who is the manufacturer and name of the test? Shield T3

What is the type of test? Saliva based RT-qPCR (quantitative reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction)

What is the purpose of the test? To detect the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in saliva. To review additional information about this test, please review the Shield T3 scientific paper.

How reliable is the test? Specificity > 99%

Are there any limitations associated with the test? False negatives can occur. A false negative is when the test says an individual does not have the disease when they actually do have the disease. This particularly applies when an individual has known COVID-19 exposure AND symptoms of COVID-19 but a negative test.

Who will pay for the test? Idaho State University will pay for all COVID-19 screenings conducted through its COVID-19 Screening Program.

How will the test be performed? This is a self-administered saliva-based test. You will be asked to provide approximately 1.5 milliliters of saliva into a small vial.

What do I do if my results are positive? If your test is positive, you will be contacted by a member of the ISU Health Team and asked to isolate between 5 - 10 days from the test date or, if you develop symptoms, from symptoms onset. You should stay home and isolate away from others in your household. Additionally, the ISU Health Team will work with you to conduct contact tracing and support you with any recommendations for additional steps or follow up medical referrals. After you complete isolation, you should mask for the first 5 days of normal activity. Ultimately, however, it is your responsibility to seek any needed medical care.

What do I do if my results are negative? If your test is negative, you may continue to come to campus. A negative is an indication that at that moment in time, the virus is not detected. It is possible the virus is present in numbers too low to detect with the test and if the person were tested again in a few days, there might be a different result. If you recently had exposure to COVID-19, please continue to wear a mask for 10 days after your last exposure.

How can I understand what my results mean? A positive test indicates the tested individual has SARS-CoV-2 in their system and this is diagnostic of having acquired the virus. A negative is an indication that at the time of testing, the virus was not detected. It is possible the virus is present in numbers too low to detect with the test and if the person were tested again in a few days, there might be a different result.

Who will receive the results of my test? You will be able to review your results through the Point and Click patient portal. Additionally, the University Health Center, COVID-19 Health Committee and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will receive your test results.

How will the results be used? The results of your test may be used to determine if you need to isolate in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other members of the campus community.

For more information about Idaho State’s screening process, please visit isu.edu/roaringback.

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