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MEMORANDUM

To: GEM3 students, staff, and faculty

From: Andy Kliskey, Idaho EPSCoR Project Director

Date: March 23, 2020

RE: Statement on guidance and restrictions during COVID-19 emergency

During this COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, which is likely to extend for some time in Idaho and the U.S., I want to assure all GEM3 personnel that we will work with you to accommodate changes to your personal, work, and study arrangements as is necessary. The health and wellbeing of you, your family, your friends, and colleagues are paramount and are the first priority at this time. Any GEM3 project needs, deadlines, or work will necessarily become a secondary priority.

For all GEM3 project work please refer to and observe the COVID-19 guidance and restrictions issued by your institution. Guidance from each of Idaho's public research universities can be found at these respective links: [University of Idaho](#), [Boise State University](#), and [Idaho State University](#). These links will include guidance on social distancing, restrictions on travel, and restrictions on in-person classes, meetings, and gatherings.

All EPSCoR-organized/sponsored meetings and workshops will be conducted virtually (e.g., via Zoom) until further notice and consistent with institutional guidance. We also encourage you to conduct all other GEM3-related meetings virtually when possible.

Idaho EPSCoR will do everything we can to provide and support maximum flexibility for personnel. We anticipate that personnel will work remotely from home or individual offices consistent with institution guidance and restrictions. Lab work and field work may or may not be possible depending on the individual circumstances and facilities, also subject to each institution's guidance and restrictions.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving emergency and the Idaho EPSCoR leadership team understand the need to be adaptive in such a challenging and changing situation. If you have concerns or needs with respect to your GEM3 work or study please contact your immediate supervisor, your GEM3 institutional lead (Jen Forbey at BSU: jenniferforbey@boisestate.edu, Colden Baxter at ISU: baxtcold@isu.edu, and Ron Hardy at UI: rhardy@uidaho.edu), or do not hesitate to contact Tami Noble (tnoble@uidaho.edu) or myself (akliskey@uidaho.edu) in the Idaho EPSCoR Office.

Please stay well and be safe!