

Subject: [cfaes-all] Dean's Update
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CFAES Community,

Our campuses are buzzing with excitement as more of our faculty, staff and students return for Autumn semester, and research buildings increase activity. While this year may differ from a “typical” year, I look forward to a semester filled with opportunities for learning, connecting, and growing.

I would like to welcome our new CFAES faculty. You can learn more about them on our new faculty and staff affairs website [here](#).

- Shannon Washburn, ACEL, Professor & Chair
- Margaret Jodlowski, AEDE, Assistant Professor
- Benjamin Bohrer, Animal Sciences, Assistant Professor
- Jessica Pempek, Animal Sciences, Assistant Professor
- Zachery Matesich, ATI, Assistant Professor
- Ellen Klinger, Entomology, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice
- Guilherme Signorini, HCS, Assistant Professor

If you see them around campus or virtually, be sure to give them a warm Buckeye welcome.

Please review [President-elect Johnson's email](#) sent yesterday for updates on [face mask requirements](#), metrics related to on-campus operations, [testing](#), and [contact tracing](#).

Be well and go Bucks!
Dean Cathann Kress

This update includes:

- Building Openings and Security
- COVID-19 Manager Guidance
- COVID-19 Work Related Accommodations Process
- Reminder: Together as Buckeyes Training and Pledge
- Return-to-campus kits
- Wellness resources
- Teaching for Student Success in Autumn and Beyond Webinar Series
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Building Openings and Security

As buildings are being unlocked, it is important to keep security in mind with less people occupying them. Please keep offices and labs locked when working alone or leaving even for a brief period of time. For questions about buildings/safety contact:

- Building Coordinators
- Kent McGuire (Columbus and Statewide), McGuire.225@osu.edu, 614-292-0588 Office / 740-341-7589 Mobile
- Seth Walker (Wooster), Walker.439@osu.edu, 330-263-3665 Office

COVID-19 Manager Guidance

The HR COVID-19 webpage has been updated to include manager guidance. As we continue to move forward, team members will look to their managers to help navigate work situations regarding COVID-19. The guidance helps managers address specific situations that may arise related to the training, pledge and childcare. Visit <https://hr.osu.edu/coronavirus/managers/> for more information. This website will be updated as new guidance is available.

COVID-19 Work Related Accommodations Process

As we implement [return to offices/campuses plans](#) ahead of fall semester, it's important to know that the university has established a [COVID-19 Work Related Accommodations Process](#) to ensure that faculty, staff, and graduate students have the necessary resources to work as safely as possible. Through a [COVID-19 accommodation request](#), which is a secure intake process, individuals will be able to identify issues and concerns they may have, and indicate what needs and resources they feel are necessary to perform their job safely.

As always, please reach out to your [HR Consultant](#) with any questions.

Reminder: Together as Buckeyes Training and Pledge

All students, faculty and staff are required to complete the online training course and the Together as Buckeyes Pledge by Tuesday, August 25th. The 10-minute training is available through [BuckeyeLearn](#) and the pledge must be signed upon completion of the course. The course covers expectations for daily health checks, personal protection such as face masks, hygiene, physical distancing, staying informed and more. The pledge acknowledges an understanding of and commitment to the behaviors described in the training.

Return-to-Campus kits

As part of the safe return to campus plans, return-to-campus kits are being provided to students, faculty and staff at no cost before classes resume. The kits include one disposable mask, two reusable masks, a thermometer, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer.

Kits for faculty and staff are being ordered centrally for all units within CFAES. Kits will be distributed to employees who are less than 100% telework.

Wellness resources

We recognize that anxiety and other issues have been heightened during COVID-19. Please take care of yourself and utilize the wellness resources available for students, which include:

- Faculty and staff can use the [Human Resources Keep Well website](#), the [Chief Wellness Officer Health and Wellness](#) page and [Your Plan For Health](#).
- The [Student Wellness Center](#) provides information about the nine dimensions of wellness, and the [Counseling and Consultation Service](#) (CCS) and the [Buckeye Peer Access Line](#) (PAL) provide mental health support.
- CCS also provides guidance for [ways for faculty and staff to support students](#).
- The Ohio State: Wellness app is designed for students but offers tips and guidance useful for all members of our community. It is available for [Android](#) and [iOS](#) devices.

Teaching for Student Success in Autumn and Beyond Webinar Series

Presentation materials are now available online for three sessions of the Teaching for Student Success in Autumn and Beyond webinar series:

- Reducing stress and building connection: [Zoom recording](#) (password: OmNn7?0Y) and [slides](#)
- Creating inclusive learning spaces, wherever and however they occur: [Zoom recording](#) (password: 20200804@TSSAB) and [slides](#)
- Integrating resources and pathways for support: [Zoom recording](#) (password: 20200811@TSSAB) and [slides](#)

[Answers](#) have also been prepared for questions that were not addressed live during the webinars.

Buckeye Pass for Office 365 applications

Tomorrow, **Friday, August 21**, all CFAES employees will use BuckeyePass for Office 365 applications. Thank you to everyone for completing the transition of your university-owned devices. If you are not currently using Outlook on your personal device, please follow [4 simple steps](#) to transition by the end of the week. **Are you a Linux user?** Follow these steps to [transition to Evolution](#).

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