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CFAES Community,

As we celebrate the [University's faculty and staff appreciation](#) week, I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of our faculty and staff. We have all faced many challenges with new work environments, competing demands, and concerns for the health and safety of ourselves and our families. The flexibility and innovation of our faculty and staff have shown through it all. Thank you for your creativity, patience, and hard work.

As we prepare for fall semester, and repopulation of campus, there will likely be similar challenges we have yet to experience or figure out. Each announcement appears to generate more questions. We are all trying to prepare as best we can, as well as support your work, and the success of our students. I ask for your continued flexibility, during this time.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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Transition Updates

Department Chairs and Unit Heads are finalizing plans for repopulating campus. They will each communicate to their area those plans as they are finalized. Part of the repopulation process includes taking into account the various needs and concerns of our faculty, staff and students. As we continue to keep density low in buildings across all of our campuses, and balance the logistics of schools, childcare access, health considerations, and other factors, it is safe to predict that telework in some cases will be in place through at least the end of calendar year 2020. However, telework may be reviewed for effectiveness upon request by the department or employee at any time.

The [Academics and Students](#) transition team has developed a [COVID-19 Resources and Best Practices](#) webpage with resources for students, faculty, and staff.

The [CFAES Return to Offices and Campuses](#) webpage is a central location to find college-specific

guidance, links to University resources, and key contacts for support. The webpage has been updated and will continue to be as new guidance surfaces. Please bookmark and visit the page frequently for information and further updates.

Research reopening is currently in Stage 4 of the staged research reopening process. Stage 5 will begin on August 3rd. We have been asked to keep the building and lab density of 25% and continue telework when a presence on campus is not required for research activity. Department chairs are leading this process for each academic unit to include monitoring lab and building densities.

Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website

Please check the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website](#) regularly for updates related to physical distancing, campus readiness, classrooms, workspaces, housing, dining, personal protection and hygiene, mental health and wellness resources, travel and several other areas. The university will continue to evaluate recommendations based on evolving conditions, and the site will reflect any updates.

Personal Travel Update

Last week Governor DeWine announced a new travel advisory recommending that Ohioans self-quarantine for 14 days after returning from any state or territory with a COVID positivity rate greater than 15% ([learn more](#)). The OHR [employment related FAQs](#) have been updated to reflect this. If you are planning personal travel to one of these states, we encourage you to review these FAQs and discuss the following quarantine options with your supervisor before the start of your leave:

- Telework upon return for 14 days
- Additional vacation or unpaid leave to be built into approved time off to accommodate the 14 days

Before travel, employees should report their travel plans to travelreporting@osumc.edu for exclusion guidance. If you or your supervisor have questions, please contact your [HR Consultant](#) for assistance.

Reminder: Starting Thursday, Passcodes Required for Zoom

To increase security and privacy for the Ohio State community, all [CarmenZoom meetings will require a passcode beginning July 30](#). This change will prevent users from turning off the passcode going forward. Passcodes will be applied to previously scheduled meetings and Personal Meeting ID links. If you have any upcoming meetings without a passcode, you will need to edit those meetings, as well as your Personal Meeting ID.

CFAES Town Hall and Additional Student Welcome Events

A college town hall will be held for all CFAES faculty, staff and student employees on **Wednesday, August 12 from 2-3:30 p.m.** Please save the date. An invitation with a link to submit questions will be forthcoming. Additional student welcome events are also being planned across the college. Details will be available once events are finalized.

World Food Prize Looking for Student Leaders for the Virtual Global Youth Institute

The World Food Prize is looking for undergraduate and graduate students to serve as group leaders for the virtual Global Youth Institute of the World Food Prize. Over a two-week period, high school students who are delegates to the Global Youth Institute (GYI) will participate in a variety of discussions and activities, mentored by group leaders. [Training sessions will take place in September, with the GYI held from October 9-23.](#) Group leaders will be able to attend the Borlaug Dialogue and meet with researchers, food security experts and World Food Prize Laureates.

In addition to recognizing OSU soil scientist Dr. Rattan Lal as this year's World Food Prize Laureate, six youth from Ohio will participate in the GYI as Ohio Borlaug Scholars. For more information, visit <https://www.worldfoodprize.org/index.cfm?NodeID=95046&AudienceID=1&preview=1>

Tellez Featured Research & Innovation Showcase Speaker

Earlier this spring, the Research & Innovation Showcase, held annually by the Office of Research and Corporate Engagement Office, was cancelled due to COVID19 concerns. This event celebrates the collective impact of research and creative inquiry at The Ohio State University and beyond by recognizing talented Buckeye innovators and their innovations. One of the highlights of the event are Spotlight Speakers – researchers sharing their passions and why they do what they do. While the event could not take place, the spotlight speakers were still able to share their perspectives through virtual talks.

Callia Tellez, a student in the School of Environment and & Natural Resources, created her talk: *Conservation from the local level up: a lesson from the farmers of the Great Lakes Basin*. Solving for our environmental crises requires collective effort. What do you do when you know the solution, but need to get everyone to work together to implement it? See what Callia has to say here: go.osu.edu/tellez.

Second Part of Stay Calm and Well Series Launches Aug. 12

Part II of the "Stay Calm and Well" webinar series, which starts Aug. 12, is designed to help participants learn how to reduce stress and achieve optimal health and well-being during our current challenging times. This weekly seven-week series will take place on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. The webinars are a collaboration of the Office of the Chief Wellness Officer and the One University Health and Wellness Council. By participating in this series and completing six out of seven post-evaluation surveys, you will earn 2,500 YP4H points. [Learn more and register](#).

OSU Libraries - Columbus Campus and Wooster Campus Research Library Updates

The OSU Libraries and the Wooster Campus Research Library are preparing to reopen with modified services. Current details and dates are below.

OSU Libraries - Columbus Campus ONLY. More info <https://library.osu.edu/COVID19>

- Available Now: Contact-free book return, limited local lending with contact-free pickup, and the scanning of articles and chapters from OSU print collections through the ILLiad Article Express service
- Mid-August: Statewide OhioLINK print borrowing/lending and ILLiad Interlibrary Loan physical item lending resumes

The Wooster Campus Research Library.

- Mid-August: Contact-free book return and pick-up resumes by appointment (including OSU and our local collection).
- Late-August: The WCRL library will reopen with pandemic operating procedures in place.
- Need service sooner? If you need to return items or would like to borrow items from the WCRL Collection prior to the August dates, please contact Gwen directly. Email is best short.67@osu.edu.
- More details to be shared as reopening plans are finalized.

Report = Support Completion

Thank you to everyone who completed and encouraged community participation of the Report = Support Sexual Misconduct Training. Within CFAES, we had a 96% completion rate:

- Faculty – 97%
- Staff – 99%
- Students – 88%

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