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As we embark on what promises to be an unprecedented week, I want to reassure you that our primary concern remains the health and safety of you - our people. I'd ask that you too adopt this spirit of cooperation and charity with one another. Together, we should be making decisions based on that as our highest priority. You have been receiving a lot of information to digest and many policies and procedures are being put in place so that we may function as effectively as possible given the circumstances. However, policies and procedures should not supersede your best judgement. Look out for one another, and above all do what is necessary to protect yourself and those around you.

Please know you are not alone. We recognize that parents may be struggling with childcare, faculty may be stressed about moving things online, and staff may have concerns on telework or being isolated. I understand that you may not be able to be as productive as you normally would. Right now, let's just do the best we can. We may have to delay a few things, some things may not be able to be done, and that's ok.

As we continue to learn, understand and develop strategies to ensure optimal health and well-being for our community, many of our faculty, staff and students are feeling anxious and stressed. The university's chief wellness officer has developed several anxiety-reducing tips for our faculty, staff and students along with information for parents about how to talk with your children about COVID-19. All 3 documents can be found at this link: <https://wellness.osu.edu/chief-wellness-officer/covid-19-resources>

I hope this gives you a little more ability to focus on the work in front of you. Take good care of our undergraduate and graduate students and the communities we serve. And most importantly, take good care of yourselves.

Fire at Krauss Dairy

Yesterday, several of our team members responded quickly and helped keep a fire at the Krauss Dairy contained. We thank Chad Stanton, who was following the dispatch reports, and our team working in the dairy, Jacob Stitzlein and Emily Henceroth, who smelled smoke and located the fire in the room that houses the equipment for manure processing – there was actually fire back behind the wall. This sent a surge to the pole outside which cut all of the electricity to the building. The fire Department was called, they put the fire out, and all is deemed safe. Our Facilities team of Chris Depalo (Electrician) & Anthony Smith (facilities maintenance manager) were on the scene. The milking parlor and tank to store the milk are all working and wired back to the pole. At this time we are not using a generator. The ability for feeding is also good. Joe Messenger, Julie Morse and Andraya Starr also worked to assess damage and how to proceed forward. Julie Morse is coordinating with other staff to make them aware of the situation, and Mike Sword is working with her to address the manure handling issues. We thank our team, including Anne Dorrance for their responsiveness and ongoing attention to the Dairy.

“What if some of my students don't have internet?”

Student internet access may be disrupted, especially for those not returning to campus. Please provide opportunities for students to share their limitations and be flexible and supportive. They may have solutions in mind for their specific barriers. As you choose strategies for moving online, look for materials that can be

streamed or downloaded with slower internet or on multiple devices. Provide options for students who aren't able to log in at scheduled class time: lectures or Zoom discussions should be recorded so students can watch later if joining live isn't an option. You can also consider sharing slides with notes instead of hosting a live or recorded lecture. Expand windows of time for participation or submission so students who have reduced access can submit work across a full day or two. Additional temporary remote teaching resources can be found at keep-teaching.osu.edu.

Telework

CFAES Leadership is currently evaluating employees for telework. For those that have already received telework approval, IT has added a page to keepworking.osu.edu with tips related to accessing files, staying connected, and getting help (<https://it.osu.edu/keepworking/managed-it-services-partners>).

CFAES Building Access

CFAES buildings in Columbus will be open during the 8am-5pm business hours. They will be secured outside of those parameters.

CFAES buildings in Wooster in general will be open 8am-5pm.

- The Sequest Arboretum will be open dawn to dusk.
- The Wooster Campus Conference Center will host voting tomorrow from 5am-8pm and will remain closed to the public after tomorrow, unless there is an event.
- The Wooster Campus Research Library is closed to the public. Only OSU faculty, staff and students may utilize the research library. The research library is open and staffed from 8am-5pm Monday thru Friday and key fob access is available after hours.
- The Wooster Campus Student Activity Center is closed to all patrons until further notice. Please direct any questions to atistudentactivities@osu.edu.

CFAES Statewide Campus

- Plans for buildings in statewide offices will need to be determined on a case-by-case basis with the supervisor due to unique situations for our Extension offices, research stations and field labs.

Thank you for all you are doing to come together and support one another.

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