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Michael V. Drake, MD
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Dear Ohio State Community:

As we approach the end of the second week of virtual classes and the third week since we began a profound change in our behavior, I want to pause briefly to once again thank each of you for your collective hard work and commitment.

In particular, our gratitude goes to the outstanding and courageous people on the front lines in positions essential to our health, protection and support. Our gratitude also goes to those stopping the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home and practicing preventative measures such as social distancing and good hygiene.

We are still on the ascending part of the curve, and it is early, but the efforts we make today will have a critical impact tomorrow in shaping that curve and keeping the community safe.

I know you are all doing your part in our shared effort to defeat this pandemic. There are many examples of new ways we are working and collaborating in our community. These include the work with Battelle to [improve testing](#) and extend the life of personal protective equipment; a partnership to [create 1,500 kits](#) with learning materials for families; medical students who are now [providing child care and other services](#) for health care workers, and [more](#).

We will stay in this fight together, united proudly as Buckeyes and citizens of the world.

Sincerely,

Michael V. Drake, MD



COVID-19 Resources and Guidance

- [Information about coronavirus and the university's response](#)
- [Guidance for students, faculty and staff](#)
- [Resources for faculty](#)
- [Resources for students](#)
- [Resources for staff](#)

Wellness Resources

- Faculty and staff can use the Office of Human Resources' [Keep Well website](#) for themselves and their families.
- Students can use the [Counseling and Consultation Service](#) (CCS) and the [Buckeye Peer Access Line](#) (PAL), which operates Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight.
- CCS also provides guidance for [ways for faculty and staff to support students](#).
- The [Ohio State: Wellness](#) app (for iOS devices) is also a useful resource. Although designed for students, most of the tips and guidance are useful for anyone.



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