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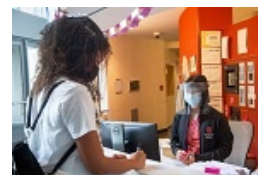


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A Safe and Healthy Start to the Semester

With a rise in cases around the nation and state as a result of the highly contagious omicron variant, Ohio State is taking additional steps to keep students, faculty, staff and the university community healthy. As spring semester begins, it is important that everyone does their part to limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

This semester, both students living in on-campus housing and student members of social fraternities and sororities will be required to complete weekly PCR testing, regardless of vaccination status.



Ohio State students have an extraordinarily high rate of vaccination, and many are now eligible for their booster. By getting a booster, students will add another layer of protection from serious illness and may avoid quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure. Under new CDC guidance, students who are asymptomatic and exposed to someone with COVID-19 will not be required to quarantine if they are up to date on their COVID-19 shots, which includes having a booster if they can. Booster appointments are available at Jesse Owens North on campus. In addition, Ohio State students can use promo code “STUDENTBOOSTER” for free Lyft rides to booster appointments at Ohio State Outpatient Care Upper Arlington (1800 Zollinger Rd). Students can schedule an appointment using [MyChart](#).

Additional information, including [information about boosters and insurance coverage](#) is available on the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes Website](#).

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Career Fairs

Each academic year, a number of Career Fairs are hosted at Ohio State for students and recent graduates to explore employment and experience opportunities outside of the classroom. The Spring Career Fair, held on Jan. 18 (in-person) and Jan. 19 (virtual) may have just concluded, but there are still plenty of opportunities for students to circle on their calendars in the coming weeks and months.

The button below features a comprehensive list of Career Fairs that Ohio State is offering throughout



the 2021-2022 academic year, including the upcoming Summer Internship and Opportunity Fair in February.

Career Fairs

Buck-I-SERV Applications Open

Buck-I-SERV is Ohio State's Alternative Break Program and are weeklong opportunities focused on community service and civic engagement at numerous locations [around the world](#). Buck-I-SERV trips are held during academic breaks, including winter (December and January), spring (March) and summer (May).



Students participating in Buck-I-SERV will learn the importance of self reflection, social justice, active citizenship, and civic engagement while gaining new perspectives through working in diverse environments. Students will also be able to create new and lasting friendships among peers by participating in a Buck-I-SERV trip over break.

Participant application deadlines for the upcoming spring (Jan. 18) and summer (Feb. 13) are just around the corner. If your student is looking to make a difference in a community while sharing an adventure across the country with other Ohio State students, a Buck-I-SERV trip may be a perfect option for their spring or summer break.

Learn More

Safety Spotlight: RAVE Guardian

Never walk alone again. Download Rave Guardian, a free safety app for students, faculty and staff that can enhance safety as you travel to and from campus. In this week's Safety Spotlight, OSUPD's Lt. Marjorie Rizalvo shows users how to use the app to select friends or family to follow them virtually via GPS tracking as they travel. Watch the video to get started.



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FAFSA and Special Scholarships

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The priority deadline to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Special Scholarships Application (requires OSU log-in to access) is fast approaching!

Every student is highly encouraged to file the FAFSA to be considered for the most financial aid (including scholarships, grants, loans and Federal Work-Study). Students and families must file the FAFSA each year. Ohio State's priority date for filing is February 1. The university also offers hundreds of special-eligibility scholarships with a wide variety of eligibility criteria. To apply each year, you must file the FAFSA and the Special Scholarships Application by the priority date of February 1.

Read more about special scholarships and other types of financial aid at <https://sfa.osu.edu/current-student/about-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships>.

[Read More about the
FAFSA](#)

Notes from a Fellow Buckeye

On Wednesday, January 19, President Johnson shared with the campus community her most recent edition of *Notes from a Fellow Buckeye*. In the message, she congratulated and celebrated award-winning members of our university community, provided an update on the university's COVID-19 response and reiterated safety messaging shared last week. You can read the full edition of *Notes from a Fellow Buckeye* at the link below.



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