Dear Future Buckeye,

All students, faculty and staff must complete an online training course and the Together As Buckeyes Pledge. The pledge acknowledges an understanding of and commitment to the behaviors described in the training. It is not a legal waiver.

The 10-minute training has been assigned to your BuckeyeLearn transcript, and you will be prompted to sign the pledge upon completion of the course. You can access the training by logging in to buckeyelearn.osu.edu with your Ohio State University credentials. Once you are logged in, select the “My Transcript” button on the BuckeyeLearn homepage. Follow these instructions for details.

Completing the training and signing the pledge are mandatory for all students, faculty, and staff before returning to Ohio State’s campuses. If you have already been working on a campus, you should take the online training and sign the pledge as soon as possible, but no later than August 25. For those not physically returning to a campus, the training and pledge need to be completed by the start of autumn semester on August 25. The training course will cover expectations for daily health checks, personal protection such as face masks, hygiene, staying informed and more.

While we expect everyone to follow the guidance voluntarily, accountability measures will be in place for those who do not complete the training and sign the pledge or choose not to abide by required health and safety guidelines. These accountability measures range from additional training and informal coaching to formal disciplinary action based on existing structures for students, faculty, and staff.

Please visit the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website regularly for updates, including guidance related to our mask requirement for all students, faculty, staff, vendors, volunteers, and visitors. More information about the training and pledge is also available on the website.

Sincerely,

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