



GALLIA-JACKSON-VINTON JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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First, I want to congratulate all of our students who have committed to the Award Winning Buckeye Hills Career Center. I personally know that choosing Career Technical Education will open multiple doors and provide our students opportunities for their lifetime. Parents and/or Guardians, thank you for trusting our staff with your student. Our team takes a lot of pride in creating successful lives each and every year.

Next, I want to assure all stakeholders that our staff and students are following our restart plan daily. Our teachers, support staff and administrators want the safest and best environment for all members of the Award Winning Buckeye Hills Career Center family.

Last, I want to inform all students, parents/guardians and staff members that Governor DeWine announced details for Ohio's forthcoming case reporting order for K-12 schools, including the Career Centers. The following language is the Governor's ORDER to schools:

"Beginning Tuesday, September 8, parents or guardians and school staff should notify their school within 24 hours of receiving a positive test or a clinical diagnosis. Within 24 hours after receiving that notification, the school should notify other parents and guardians about that case in writing, providing as much information as possible without releasing protected health information. The school must also notify their local health department within 24 hours.

Beginning Tuesday, September 15, and each Tuesday thereafter, local health departments will report the number of newly reported and cumulative cases to the Ohio Department of Health. The Ohio Department of Health will publish this data by school or school district, including a breakdown by students and staff, each Thursday. "We understand there is a balance between privacy and transparency, and we do not intend for protected health information to be released in our effort to provide information to Ohioans so they can make the right decisions for their family," said Governor DeWine. "Please remember that if a school has positive cases among their students or staff, it does not mean the school did anything wrong. Schools cannot control spread in the community, so it is important to practice safety measures not only in the classroom but also when you're out in the community."

The order will also require each school district or school to identify a COVID-19 coordinator to facilitate the reporting of case information, and upon request, schools or buildings are required to provide the local health department a copy of their pandemic plan.”

The following contacts are for parents/guardians, students and staff to notify the district regarding the notification ORDER of 24 hours. Please utilize these emails and direct contact numbers.

High School Students: All Parents/Guardians must notify the Dean of Student Support Services and Instruction, Leesa Lewis, by email at lewisl@buckeyehills.net and/or must call the High School Office at 740-245-5334, ext. 233.

Adult Education Students: ALL Students must notify the Dean of Post-Secondary Instruction, Jamie Bartee, by email at barteej@buckeyehills.net and must call the Adult Education Office at 740-245-5334, ext. 330.

ALL Buckeye Hills Staff Members: Must notify the Superintendent by email at nashj@buckeyehills.net and must call the district office for further instructions at 740-245-5334, ext. 256.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work together through this unprecedented time.



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