



GALLIA-JACKSON-VINTON JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

The Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. We want to inform you that that we have recently received information about at least **FOUR** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at **Buckeye Hills Career Center, including our Adult Education Division**. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed area(s) has been completed.

Buckeye Hills Career Center COVID 19 total cases since May 04, 2020.

Secondary Education (High School):	22 Students	11 Staff
Adult Education:	11 Students	6 Staff

Buckeye Hills Career Center will remain **OPEN** at this time. We are working closely with *the Gallia County Health Department* and anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by the health department as a part of COVID-19 investigation.

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Regarding our positive cases listed above, many positive cases were already on mandated quarantines due to community spread. Our district is running on a modified PLAN B schedule, which minimizes students attending on site daily. This is important because the majority of our positive cases were not symptomatic while at school. We understand the concern of schools being open, but our data and the local health department supports our current modified PLAN B schedule. Our high school is only running at a maximum of 50% capacity per day. In addition, our students are scheduled all day with their individualized programs, which makes contact tracing less consuming and quarantines minimal. At this time, we have the majority of our staff available to provide educational services to our students in person. It is essential that our students learn with their hands at the career center. If our data, leadership and local health director indicates a needed change, we will begin providing instruction remotely at that time.

Please keep in mind that the Career Center has additional guidelines to follow and our operations and facilities are different from our K-12 school partners. All districts are putting students, staff and community members' safety first.



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Several of our partner schools have moved from a regular schedule to a remote schedule. The Career Center has been on a PLAN B (hybrid) schedule since the beginning of the school year and our plan has allowed our district to maintain adequate instructional staff and essential personnel. However, that can change quickly.

Our partner schools that are operating remotely will provide transportation from their high schools to the Career Center. If you cannot provide transportation to the high school, please contact our high school office for additional options. We will provide accommodations to those students and their families.

If you have any questions, contact Buckeye Hills Career Center at 740-245-5334 or the Gallia County Health Department at 740-441-2018. Thank you for helping to keep others safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie L. Nash".

Jamie L. Nash
Superintendent

An infographic with a blue background and white and yellow text. It lists COVID-19 symptoms and provides information on how to prevent the spread of the virus. The infographic includes the Ohio Department of Health logo and the website coronaviruses.ohio.gov.

COVID-19 Symptoms
Help prevent the spread of Covid-19

You may have COVID-19 if you have:

- Fever or chills
- A cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

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