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**Innovating to save lives.** Battelle and the Wexner Medical Center have jointly developed a new [rapid, sensitive diagnostic test](#) for COVID-19. Also, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved solutions created by scientists across Ohio State that both [expand and accelerate](#) COVID-19 testing in Ohio through the development of kits that include much-needed swabs and viral transport media.

**Resolve during trying times.** In the span of just a few weeks, everything seems to have changed because of the coronavirus outbreak. Everything, that is, except the drive of the Ohio State community to fulfill its academic mission. [Stories of resolve](#) show the unique resilience of Buckeyes in the face of unprecedented challenges. At the same time, students are putting their skills to work in the community, [helping those in need](#) and [empowering health care providers](#).

**Buckeye generosity.** Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends continue to demonstrate incredible support for one another and their communities. More than 650 donors have raised $200,000 thus far to support Buckeyes through [student emergency funding](#). Additionally, Gene and Sheila Smith, Ryan and Nina Day, and Chris and Lori Holtmann [donated](#) to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s COVID-19 emergency fund.

**Pulling together.** Colleges and units are providing resources in the fight against COVID-19. These include the [Knowledge Exchange COVID-19 Hub](#), led by the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), Ohio State University Extension and the CFAES research communities. And [COVID Connect](#), launched by the College of Public Health, unites health departments and other organizations with professional volunteers.

**Together in spirit.** Every Buckeye football game at Ohio Stadium starts with the band marching onto the field, perfectly in step, playing the “Buckeye Battle Cry.” While the COVID-19 pandemic has stopped almost every communal moment from happening in person, The Ohio State University Marching Band is creating them virtually. Band members recorded themselves playing to create “[Socially Distanced Buckeye Battle Cry](#).”