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Department of  
Higher Education

Mike DeWine, Governor  
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

Dear President,

As Governor DeWine mentioned in his March 10 update on COVID-19, we are in a critical time to proactively slow the spread of the coronavirus and save lives across the state of Ohio. I thank you for considering the Governor's recommendation to move toward online/remote learning on your campus, and commend those who have already taken action.

The Governor has asked the Department of Higher Education to be as flexible and supportive as possible in assisting our colleges and universities during this difficult time. To that end, I want to make you aware that the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), part of our OH-TECH consortium, is offering the following temporary services upon request at no additional cost to our colleges and universities:

- Bandwidth increases for the remainder of the current academic year;
- Network architecture and design support;
- Enhanced access to cloud services (Amazon Web Service, Azure, Oracle, etc.); and
- High-speed access to multiple data centers around the state.

These services will strengthen our collective ability to provide online/remote learning to students as we move through this period of uncertainty.

For help with these or other OARnet services, please contact Pankaj Shah directly at [pshah@oar.net](mailto:pshah@oar.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Randy Gardner

## Chancellor

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