MEMORANDUM

TO: Best Practices Clearinghouse, United States Department of Education

FROM: Jacqueline, C. Hagerott, Vice President, Student Affairs & Campus/Community Relations

DATE: March 26, 2021

RE: Hocking College – Certainty in a Time of Uncertainty

Hocking College serves as a pathway to prosperity, teaching and inspiring all who seek to learn, growing careers and changing lives. College priorities include the health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and community; maintaining students’ academic progression; and to continue business operations with established safety protocols.

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Topic: Safe and Healthy Environments
Target Audience: Postsecondary
Description
Hocking College developed the Certainty in a Time of Uncertainty, an Institutional Plan to Reopen Campus Operations in Response to COVID-19 (Plan) to inform our campus community of the actions we were taking to reopen campus operations August of 2020 in response to COVID-19. The College’s Plan is based on orders, best practices, and guidelines from Gov. Mike DeWine, the Ohio Association for Community Colleges (OACC), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization, and the Ohio Department of Health. As more information is received and additional orders given, the College updates this Plan and modifies campus operations accordingly.

The Plan can be found on our website at https://info.hocking.edu/coronavirus.

Best Practice
Hocking College is a rural, public, two-year community college serving approximately 3,000 students located in Southeast Ohio. The Plan is a best practice because it provided the infrastructure that enabled Hocking College to:
1. Offer over 75% of our courses in the face-to-face format to provide hands on experiential learning;
2. Operate five dorms at full capacity to address food insecurity, homelessness, and provide for social interaction minimizing mental health issues;
3. Minimize the number of positive COVID cases on campus. Positive COVID-19 Cases:

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Focus
Hocking College serves a historically underserved population in Appalachia. Our student population includes students from low-income backgrounds; first-generation college students; students experiencing homelessness; students with disabilities; students formerly in foster care; LGBTQIA+ students; student veterans and military connected students; student parents; and international students. As a result, in order for us to meet the unique needs of our students, it was important for us to minimize remote learning and sustain in-person operations safely so our students could avail themselves of the resources and learning environments we provide for them on our various campuses to achieve success. Offering courses on campus, opening dorms, and the number of positive cases are just a few positive outcomes that demonstrates that this Plan is a success.