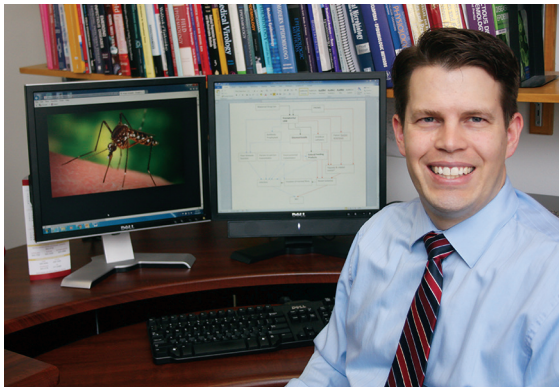


Sooner Shorts



OU launches new MBA program

Beginning this fall, the Gene Rainbolt Graduate School of Business in Price College will offer a one-year Executive MBA and a six-month graduate certificate in aerospace and defense. A degree in business is not a prerequisite and participants will learn managerial and leadership functions of the A&D workforce, including critical-thinking skills and how to develop business strategies for Oklahoma's second-largest industry.



Wendelboe named interim state epidemiologist

Dr. Aaron Wendelboe, OU associate professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in the Hudson College of Public Health, has moved into the role of Interim State Epidemiologist to provide expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wendelboe is a former Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During his career with infectious disease epidemiology, he has investigated many disease outbreaks, from the more recent Ebola virus to influenza and *E.coli* outbreaks.

THE ART OF MAKING MASKS

Staff and faculty from the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts have been busy making masks, not for an upcoming show, but for a real-life drama – preserving the state's supply of personal protective equipment for frontline health-care workers. Volunteers have made more than 1,000 face masks for OU Police Department officers and for patients visiting the OU Medical Center. At right, OUPD Lt. John Bishop dons a mask as he prepares to go on his campus rounds.



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OU campuses to reopen for fall semester

OU Interim President Joe Harroz announced that all three OU campuses plan to reopen to students for fall classroom instruction and residential life. Harroz said campuses will adopt proactive safety measures like smaller class size, staggered class schedules and enabling the widespread use of masks and other PPE. Says Harroz, "I am confident that our OU family is up to this task, and I join each of you in eager anticipation of being together again, safely, this fall."

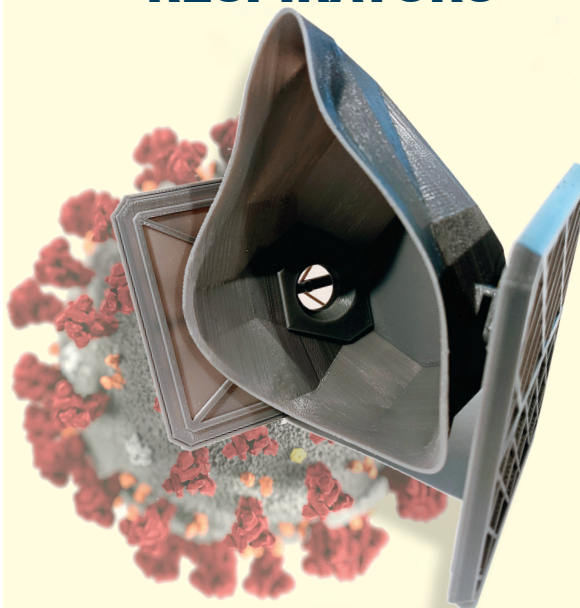
Travis Caperton



Food pantry offers online shopping

Customers of the OU Food Pantry can now place orders online, announced Graduate Director Matt Marks. The new service will allow the pantry to continue serving the OU community during the coronavirus pandemic. Shopping forms are available at ou.edu/foodpantry and an OU ID is required. Orders submitted by 5 p.m. on Mondays will be ready for pickup at Stubbeman Village, 1113 Elm St., on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESPIRATORS



Collaboration between the OU Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture and the Hudson College of Public Health has resulted in a new, 3-D-printed respirator that has the filtration performance of the N95, while providing the reusability, durability and custom fit not available in the N95 model worn by health-care professionals. Architecture's Ken Marold designed the respirator and created prototypes using resources and support from the GCA Creating_Making Lab, while Evan Floyd in Public Health helped fine-tune the design for a custom fit. To see this and other open-source designs from OU, visit ou.edu/foroklahoma.