

# Ohio State Linebacker Justin Hilliard Will Not Play Against Penn State Due To Positive COVID Test Despite Follow-Up Negative, Per Reports



Ohio State sixth-year senior linebacker Justin Hilliard, who missed last game against Nebraska, will not play again Saturday night against Penn State due to a positive COVID-19 test, according to a report by Lettermen Row's Austin Ward.

Hilliard will not play despite having a follow-up test come up negative, signifying a possible false positive test. Ward's report also states that Hilliard will be able to stand on the sideline and has traveled with Ohio State to Happy Valley.

**BREAKING:** Ohio State linebacker Justin Hilliard won't play tonight at Penn State thanks to a false-positive COVID-19 test, according to @LettermenRow sources. The senior will be allowed on the sideline and can travel with the team. <https://t.co/VnNLwwrb9Q>

— Austin Ward (@AWardSports) October 31, 2020

Hilliard returned for a sixth season with the Buckeyes following a 2019 season in which he finished with 13 tackles, three tackles for loss and an interception, the latter of which came against the Nittany Lions to help seal the victory.

The former five-star prospect was able to return this season due to injuries taking away a large portion of Hilliard's games in multiple seasons.

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