March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

The Children’s Campus, just as many of you, has been closely monitoring information regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the potential impact on the State of New Mexico, the University and the Children’s Campus. We have reached out to a number of agencies, including New Mexico Childcare Licensing for additional guidance. We are currently operating as usual and will continue to do so unless circumstances require that we change course.

The health and well-being of our Children’s Campus community is always our utmost priority. As such, if your child is ill, please have them stay home. Keep in mind that it is our practice to send home children who arrive to school ill or become ill during the day. In some circumstances, children may require medical clearance prior to being able to return. We make these decisions utilizing regulations and guidance from several resources such as NM State Childcare Licensing regulations, American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association for the Education of Young Children, and Caring for our Children. The Children’s Campus, as a licensed and nationally accredited program, follows classroom cleaning and sanitation procedures in ongoing efforts to keep our children, families and staff healthy. The Children’s Campus will continue to sanitize and disinfect classrooms and equipment regularly and have implemented additional preventative measures including deep sanitation throughout the facility and have planned for UNM’s Facilities Management staff to come in during our upcoming closure on March 19th and 20th to conduct an additional deep clean throughout the facility. We are asking that everyone do their part to help stop the spread of the virus. Please remember to:

- Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entering any classroom
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water
- Cover your cough with your elbow or a tissue
- Throw away a tissue after use in an appropriate receptacle
- Be considerate of others and stay home if you are sick

As a member of the UNM community, the Children’s Campus will also be adhering to the guidance provided by President Stokes surrounding the University’s recommendations on COVID-19 as it relates to children, staff and families. As spring break approaches, we are asking individuals to take time to reflect on how their choices might impact more vulnerable members of our community. Recommendations regarding travel to impacted countries and regions continues to evolve on a daily basis, as does our scientific knowledge of this virus. Please keep in mind that as of now, UNM has canceled and is not permitting any university-related travel to CDC Level 2 and 3 countries and domestic areas where a state of emergency has been declared. With that being said, we strongly encourage families to avoid spring break travel to areas with active community transmission of COVID-19. If any children enrolled in our program or individuals they may come in contact with are scheduled to return from any of these high-risk areas, please contact the Department of Health (DOH) at 1-855-800-3453. The DOH will monitor the quarantine process and provide a release for your child to return to the Children’s Campus. If a child arrives without a release, the DOH must be contacted to obtain the release before your child will be allowed to stay. Additionally, individuals who do travel out-of-state on personal or university-related travel are being asked to undergo a 14-day self-isolation off campus upon their return and to register all international travel at: https://unmstudyoabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Security.LoginWizardStepOne
Any individual diagnosed with COVID-19 must remain at home for at least 14 days or until 24 hours after symptoms, including fever, resolve completely and following guidance from their healthcare provider and the DOH. Further, individuals who learn that they have come into contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 are also being asked to follow these same guidelines. Those developing a fever, cough, shortness of breath or other signs of serious illness should not come to the Children’s Campus, should self-isolate and follow CDC guidelines for contacting their healthcare provider and the DOH. If you and your family opt to self-distance, we ask that you please notify the Children’s Campus of this decision.

To keep up to date as this situation unfolds including daily updates regarding cases in New Mexico, guidance, and frequently asked questions, you are encouraged to visit the following websites:

- UNM website - http://www.unm.edu/coronavirus/
- New Mexico Department of Health webpage - https://cv.nmhealth.org/

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the DOH at 1-855-600-3453. In addition, the following link has a number of resources for talking with your children about COVID-19: https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-talking-about-the-coronavirus

We appreciate your support and patience as we navigate this evolving situation and will keep families updated as we receive additional information. Please feel free to speak to a member of the management team should you have any further questions regarding the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

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