

Dear MVCDC Families,

This has been a difficult week for the families and staff of MVCDC.

- We closed our Dayton View program after a child and a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. We closed the program because the staff member had been in contact with multiple colleagues outside of work prior to testing positive. We hope to re-open Monday, July 13. Staff are being tested for the virus, and the building is being thoroughly disinfected, including with an electrostatic sprayer. The affected individuals will quarantine at home for 14 days.
- 2 classrooms at the Miami View program have been closed after we became aware that a child and a staff member tested positive. Following guidance from health officials, staff and children in these classrooms are quarantining for 14 days. Anyone who has been in contact with the staff member for more than 15 minutes at a distance of less than 6 feet is also quarantining.

You may have seen in the news that Gov. DeWine has designated 12 Ohio counties, including Montgomery and Butler counties, a Level 3 on a 4-tiered scale for the risk of COVID-19 exposure. This is based on numerous factors, including the number of positive tests and hospitalizations. **MVCDC has 400 employees, and we currently are serving over 550 children. With such a large “family” of children and employees, it’s inevitable that cases will occur.** The virus cannot be controlled until there’s a vaccine — for now, we’re all learning to live with it. **However, MVCDC is taking every precaution that is humanly possible to prevent exposure and the spread at our programs.** We’re disinfecting and cleaning constantly. We’re doing temperature and wellness screenings every day. We’re wearing masks, and requiring families to wear masks, whenever possible. **When someone comes down with the virus, we have no way of knowing where they were exposed.** That’s why it’s not enough to just take precautions at our programs — we all have to be wearing masks and social distancing whenever we’re out and about.

We do have good news to share! On Monday, we started our Summer Head Start program, which is designed for children heading to Kindergarten this Fall. Families can choose Monday-Thursday morning or afternoon sessions that will continue through August 7. **We welcomed 200 children** and are helping them practice the skills they’ll need when they leave us. **Classroom sizes are small, and we’ll be taking the best health and safety precautions! We have a few more openings, so tell your friends it’s not too late to join us.** Ask them to call **(937) 226-5664**, or you can also talk with your Family Support Specialist.

We’re particularly excited to be able to provide transportation to the Summer program! No more than 9 children are on each bus. Our bus monitors are taking children’s temperature and screening to make sure no one shows any sign of being ill before they hop on. We’re going to miss these kiddos after they head off to elementary school. Many have been with us for multiple years. **We’re so proud of all that they’ve learned from their amazing MVCDC teachers.**

Please always feel free to contact me at (937) 226-5664, ext. 202, with questions or concerns. I’m always happy to speak with you! We promise to keep you continuously updated as we go forward in this challenging time.

Gratefully,

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SUMMER

HEAD START

Locations

Montgomery County

Dayton View, Dixie, East Dayton ELC, Kings Highway, Marilyn E. Thomas (MET), Moraine Meadows, Stuart Patterson and Twin Towers

Clark County

St. Joes and Town & Country

Madison County

London

Transportation will be provided.