

Dear MVCDC Families,

**What a great week this has been! No additional children or staff in MVCDC programs have tested positive for COVID-19. You are helping stop the spread by being so cautious! Thank you for all you're doing!**

Today we wrapped up our special summer program for children heading off to kindergarten! They had a wonderful time practicing the skills they'll need and having fun with their friends and teachers! Thank you for giving us this opportunity to help your child learn and develop.

Our programs will be closed next week, August 10 through August 14, for staff training and ongoing sanitizing and deep cleaning. Look for a One Call Now text message reminding you about the upcoming schedule. **On August 25, we'll start our full-year program. We will offer full-day or part-day, full-week or part-week programs, and a virtual option. For families who aren't comfortable sending their child back in-person, we will provide "loaner" tablets that will be pre-loaded with educational programs and apps that will allow them to stay in touch with their child's teachers and for children to learn online.** Families also will be provided with an adequate data plan to use this teaching and learning tool. Tablet controls will prevent it from being used for anything other than children's learning and communicating with your child's teacher.

**Tell your family and friends that we're here to serve them whether they'd like to participate online or in person! Enrollment is easy! Just call (937) 226-5664 or go to MVCDC.org.**

As I shared last week, Gov. DeWine has announced that starting Aug. 9, child care programs will no longer be required to have the significantly reduced class sizes that were ordered last Spring due to the pandemic. However, **out of an abundance of caution, MVCDC programs will continue operating with no more than 9 children in a classroom for preschoolers in most of our classrooms, and no more than 6 infants and toddlers in each classroom with the option to increase to 8 based on need at a few of our locations.**

Ohio has again modified the list of hot-spot COVID-19 states for which there is a travel advisory. **If you and your child are traveling to Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi or Nevada, your child will not be permitted to return to our programs until 14 days after your return. South Carolina and Kansas are NO longer on the list that will trigger a requirement to quarantine at home. If your child recently traveled to South Carolina or Kansas and he or she is not showing signs of illness, they may return.** If you traveled **WITHOUT** your child from one of the listed states, the child is **NOT** required to quarantine. Please understand that we are adopting this policy at the recommendation of the Governor and to keep all children, their families and our staff safe. Please be honest with us about your travel plans. Questions or concerns? Reach me at (937) 226-5664, ext. 202.

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.*