

Dear MVCDC Families,

COVID 19 UPDATES

It's been another difficult week with respect to COVID-19 cases. One of our classrooms in the Stuart Patterson center in Montgomery County had to be closed because of exposures. The classroom will re-open on November 16th after a quarantine period. Following our safety protocols, the building was disinfected with the electrostatic sprayer. We are keeping in close contact with the staff who tested positive hoping for a speedy recovery.

The holidays are coming, and **it's going to be so tempting to gather with family and friends. To ensure everyone's safety and to keep MVCDC programs open for you and your children, we all have to avoid risky situations.** Here are important guidelines to follow:

- Stay at least 6 feet apart whenever possible.
- Don't go out or to work when you're sick.
- If you are experiencing cough or congestion, stay home and consider seeking medical care.
- Wear a mask or face covering in public, or when people who don't live with you visit.
- Avoid all gatherings with people who don't live in your home.
- Don't share food, drinks or utensils.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue; dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately.
- If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects – your phone, pens and pencils, door handles, key chains – using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Stay up-to-date on travel restrictions. Guidelines are at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Ohio's travel advisory this week is for 7 states: **Alabama Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming.** If your child has traveled to any of these states, he or she will need to quarantine at home for 14 days before returning.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family and support your child. MVCDC staff remains committed to offering exceptional early learning experiences. There are so many exciting things happening at our programs. I commend our teachers, drivers, family support team and the amazing team of MVCDC DIFFERENCE MAKERS for their continued dedication to our mission. They continue to use their gifts and talents in very creative ways. **Check our website and social media networks for highlights.**

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As you look forward to the holidays, remember that our programs will be closed the week of December 28.

- Part Year classrooms will be closed the week of December 21st and the week of December 28th. Staff will return January 4th to clean and disinfect in preparation for children returning TUESDAY January 5th
- Virtual Program will follow the same schedule as the Part Year classrooms.
- Full year classrooms will remain open until December 23rd. Staff will work on December 24th to clean and disinfect in preparation for children returning MONDAY January 4th

The continued pressures of COVID-19 can be overwhelming. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts about how we can get through these times together. I'm at (937) 226-5664, ext. 202.

Gratefully,

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