

Dear MVCDC Families,

We had four COVID-19 cases this week at Springfield Children's Center, East Dayton ELC, Kings Highway, and the MET resulting in two Early Head Start classrooms and two Head Start classrooms having to close. We're glad that classrooms at Dayton View re-opened this week and the classroom at Stuart Patterson will be reopening Monday, Nov. 16.

You may have heard that Governor DeWine made a special address Wednesday in response to Ohio's alarming spike in COVID-19 cases. To keep everyone safe and to keep the economy open, we all have to strictly social distance, wear masks and stay away from large gatherings. **The Governor has ordered all places of business — including childcare programs — to enforce mask wearing or potentially face being closed for violations. Please respect these important rules, so we can stay safe and remain open.** The Governor will announce Thursday if restaurants, bars and gyms will be ordered to close. That decision depends on what we all do!

Ohio's travel advisory this week has been expanded to 12 states: **Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin 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.

We're so grateful to Catholic Social Services for their donation of 200 coats for families.

The coats were delivered to the MET Wednesday, And Family Support Specialists will be giving them To families at all locations who've expressed interest.



Have you heard about Homefull's Mobile Grocery? Homefull has a custom built 42' truck that sets up shop at 10 locations in Montgomery County where traditional grocery stores have closed.

Go to Homefull.org to see the dates and time for its stops. The mini, full-service grocery store carries canned goods, cleaning products, fresh produce, frozen foods, dairy, meat, cheese, eggs, milk and much more. It accepts most forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT and also offers incentives to low-income people and seniors. **Thanks to Montgomery County, there is an unlimited dollar-for-dollar match of Produce Perks for SNAP-EBT (Food Stamp) recipients through December 31. This means SNAP customers should receive fruits and vegetables for free.**



Mark your calendars for the Drive-Thru Children's Parade in Lights Saturday, November 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Spectators will drive slowly through several blocks of downtown Dayton in their own vehicles, getting an up-close view of floats, holiday entertainment and hundreds of thousands of lights that will be on display. **The Drive-Thru is free, but families must register their vehicle for an arrival time window. Go to DowntownDayton.org to register.** Click on *Things to Do* and then *Dayton Holiday Festival* in the drop-down menu. **Greater Dayton RTA is providing limited capacity bus rides through the parade. No registration is needed for using RTA— first come, first served only.**

If you know of a father or someone who supports fatherhood, **tell them about the Montgomery County Fatherhood Summit.** The online event will focus on helping fathers overcome barriers and have meaningful relationships with their children. **Registration for this free event ends Monday.** Google Montgomery County Fatherhood Summit to register at EventBrite.com.

Thanks for all you're doing to keep your family safe! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts about how we keep working to get through these times together. I'm at (937) 226-5664, ext. 202.

Gratefully,



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