

Dear MVCDC Families,

I hope you and your children had an enjoyable holiday break! We are all excited to be back and looking forward to continuing to serve you!

We had four (4) COVID-19 cases this week to let you know about:

- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at Springfield Children's Center. No others needed to quarantine because the classroom was already closed.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at Dayton View, resulting in 4 additional staff persons needing to quarantine. No children are quarantined because the classroom was already closed.
- 2 cases involved children at Dayton View. Their classroom was closed, and 3 staff members and 6 children are quarantining.

As relentless as COVID-19 remains, the vaccines are coming! Please keep wearing your masks, washing your hands and social distancing. We're looking forward to the day when all of us have access to a vaccination!

Sadly, there's much misinformation circulating about the vaccines. Here are 2 highly respected resources where you can learn more:

[Mayo Clinic](#)
[Centers for Disease Control](#)

The facts are:

- While the vaccines have been developed in an incredibly short time, that's because scientists worked non-stop — not because short cuts were taken. All safety and regulatory precautions have been followed.
- Even if you've had COVID-19, doctors strongly recommend that you get a vaccine. They don't know how long any natural immunity will last.
- People who have taken the vaccines are reporting no or only slight side effects that are short-lasting.
- While many people have survived COVID-19, the virus is 10 times more deadly than the flu. Even healthy people can die from this highly contagious virus.

We're excited to share that we are about to start a pilot program with Shine Early Learning at the Springfield Children's Center, Clark School and Fulton locations. This initiative- **Shine On Families**- will help us evaluate best practices around family engagement used by other high-performing Head Start programs across the country. We're honored and proud to be participating and look forward to learning how this approach can enhance our family engagement practices and improve the home to school connection. I want to thank the Clark County team for their involvement in this exciting pilot project!

Finally, **Operation Warm** has provided us a second shipment of coats. We asked for coats for older as well as young children. Talk to your Family Support Specialist if you'd like to receive this help.

Welcome back! And thank you for being a part of the MVCDC family!

Gratefully,

