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Dear CCDS Families,

We hope you had an enjoyable Spring break, even though it was unconventional this year. We know these are difficult times and we are here for you. Please let us know what we can do to support the physical and emotional health of your family.

This weekend, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) designated the remainder of the time during mandatory school closures as remote instruction days. These days will not need to be made up at the end of the school year. The primary purpose of remote learning is to provide social-emotional support along with opportunities for continued learning. As of now, the mandated closure is through April 7th, 2020 but can change and our staff is preparing to offer remote learning as long as needed.

Remote learning will begin on Tuesday, March 31st, 2020 and staff will begin engaging with students more regularly. Over the past few weeks, our staff have been preparing to transition to this remote learning environment. Many staff have already begun engaging with students to provide social-emotional support and academic experiences and have been working with families to provide resources and materials.

Each student's remote learning plan will be individualized to support his or her IEP goals, accommodations and modifications, as possible within a remote learning environment. Each teacher and related service staff member will develop a simple, consistent system of disseminating learning opportunities for each student which may include a digital platform such as Google Classroom or SeeSaw. Teachers and related service staff members will provide students with resources to establish routine and structure such as schedules and checklists. Activities will attempt to tap into student interests and include reinforcement programs and/or incentives. Our plan will focus on learning and engagement and not compliance. Grading will focus on the continuation of learning and prioritize the connectedness and care for students and staff. Our efforts will support the whole child. If you have questions about your student's plan, please email your case manager. Please also see an attached copy of our remote learning plan for more detailed information.

Teacher and related services staff will make efforts to connect to students including a mix of real-time and flexibly-timed options for both academic and therapeutic purposes. Short, daily or weekly check ins will help the staff connect with, reassure, and provide students with encouragement. These can include but are not limited to Zoom, Face Time or Skype meetings/lessons, phone calls, video-taped lessons or messages, or video modeling of tasks.

Students can expect that related services will be in place to the best of our ability. Our teams will use a variety of virtual formats to provide access to related services for continuity of services. These may look different than they would in a typical school day.

We also encourage you to stay connected. We will be posting daily on our Facebook page. Posts will include important information, resources and some fun videos made by our staff. You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/homeschoolclinic/>. You can also check our website for updates at <http://theclinicalconnections.com/> and we will be adding stories to our Instagram account soon. Check us out at ccdscx.

We recognize that students face a variety of different circumstances in this remote learning environment, and we simply ask that everyone engage to the best of their abilities. We also know many of you may be facing your own challenges during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out when you need us. All our staff are here and ready to assist you and your family in any way we can. We are also closely working with our partnering districts, as they have many resources to help support the health and well-being of our students and families. Lori Smith, our Program Director, sent out a brief survey to all families last week. If you have not done so already, please take the time to fill it out, as this will help us understand what resources you have and what support you need.

You should expect to receive consistent communication from school staff including but not limited to weekly communication from school administration with updates, information and resources, daily communication from your case manager offering support and additional learning opportunities and weekly communication from related services staff offering support and additional learning activities. Case managers will be available during school hours to answer any questions and will answer parent emails within 24 hours.

Our staff will continue to collaborate internally, as we are committed to maintaining the staff collaboration that is the hallmark of our program. Administrative staff, teacher staff and related service staff will continue to meet weekly to coordinate and collaborate. Staff is also available for team meetings, as needed, and scheduled IEP meetings will be held remotely. For scheduling questions and concerns, please contact Linda Ferguson at schedulingccx@gmail.com.

As always, your support of our staff is greatly appreciated. We have received some wonderful emails from families sharing stories of successes at home and thanking our staff for their efforts. We know how hard you are all working in this partnership and we are very grateful. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available. Please continue to use these resources for up-to-date and accurate information:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

ISBE: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>

Governor's Office: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/newsroom/Pages/default.aspx>

Be well and stay safe.

Warmly,

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