



March 18, 2020

Dear ChildCareGroup Families:

ChildCareGroup is committed to keeping families informed as we respond to the presence of coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, in our greater community. We continue to monitor the situation with guidance from the Dallas County Health and Human Services department (DCHHS), the area's lead health agency, the Office of Head Start and our local ISD school partners.

As you know, ChildCareGroup typically follows our local ISD for school closures and schedules. Dallas ISD, Mesquite ISD and Garland ISD have closed all campuses and are moving to web-based learning.

ChildCareGroup centers will also remain closed after Spring Break.

We want to stay connected to you and your children during this difficult time. We are putting together a plan to have teachers connect with the children in their classrooms remotely. Family advocates will contact you to find out what your needs are during this time. Our inclusion staff is compiling a list of how to talk with your children about COVID 19. We want to assist you in any way that we can.

We are seeing many organizations step up to help children and families in a variety of ways. Each school district is providing meals for children under the age of 18 at various "Grab and Go" locations. Check your local ISD website and the CCG Facebook page for more information on specific locations.

DISD has created an At-Home Learning website for children to access:

<http://tiny.cc/studentathomelearning> and teachers in our SRI classrooms are prepared to begin distance learning on Monday.

We will continue to provide updates regularly and appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work together to get through this time of uncertainty.

Stay healthy and well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Ogren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Wendy Ogren
For ChildCareGroup