

March 14, 2020

Dear Families,

*A message from Gary T. Henry, Dean, College of Education and Human Development: Events related to coronavirus at the University of Delaware have required us to be nimble and focused on the safety and wellbeing of the families we serve and our employees. In an attempt to balance safety and wellbeing with serving our families and their children, the Dean's Office along with the Directors will be making individual decisions for each of our units on the Children's Campus – The College School, the Lab School and the Early Learning Center. Also, we are attending to the thorough cleaning of the facilities. We greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of the leaders, teachers and staff who work on the Children's Campus to the families and children we serve. As events may continue to change rapidly, please continue to frequently check UD's coronavirus website: <https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/>*

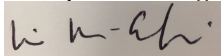
Throughout this past week, the Lab School staff has remained calm and vigilant, putting the safety and well-being of your children first. With the Governor's decision to close all public schools in Delaware, I have decided, with the support of Dean Henry, to change our course of action.

The Lab School will be closed starting Wednesday, March 18. At this time, we plan to re-open on Monday, March 30. For families that need extra time to plan for childcare, we will offer school on Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, but after-school programming will not be offered on these days. Please communicate your family's plans to your child's teacher so that we can arrange for coverage. To minimize further disruption going forward, the Lab School's spring break will now be March 23-27.

The decision to close was not made easily or without deliberation. I am aware that the change in schedule and routine may prove challenging for many of us. The teaching staff is already working on creative ways to stay in touch with children and families. Master Teachers will be communicating more detailed information on those plans early next week.

We will be in contact to provide further details about the situation and status as it evolves. Please know how thankful I am for your generosity, support and your warm words. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at [doritrg@udel.edu](mailto:doritrg@udel.edu)

Many thanks again,



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