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Dear NDEHS Families:

As you may be aware, state officials have announced that there are known exposures of Coronavirus, or COVID-19, in the State of Delaware. While these individuals are affiliated with the University of Delaware, they have no direct connection to New Directions Early Head Start (NDEHS).

You and your children's health and safety are our highest priority. We are monitoring this developing situation carefully and will keep you informed. Out of an abundance of caution, we are cancelling home visits and socializations for the rest of the week. Home Visitors and Family Support Specialists have been taking the utmost care to follow our health and safety policies to keep you, your children and themselves healthy long before this recent announcement.

Here are some things you can do to avoid spreading germs:

- Cancel your home visit if you or your child are not feeling well and stay home.
- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently using soap and water, and scrub for 20 seconds. This is about the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow and teach your child how.
- More tips on preventive measures can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

We are following the recommendations from the Delaware Department of Public Health <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/2019novelcoronavirus.html> and the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>.

To get the most current and reliable information from the University visit: udel.edu/coronavirus.

We will continue to promote healthy behaviors of our staff and families, including hand washing, health monitoring and social distancing as we continue to monitor the situation.

We realize you may have questions. Please bring your questions and concerns to Heidi Beck at 302-831-0584.

Sincerely,

Heidi L. Beck
Director