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To our DDDC families,

The DDDC continues to monitor closely information being provided by both the [New Jersey Department of Health](#) and the [Department of Education](#) about the COVID-19 virus. Through our Dean at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, we are also staying informed about the efforts of the task force mobilized by Rutgers University's President Barchi to address the challenges the virus is posing.

All State Agencies continue to advise us to stay informed about COVID-19 and follow [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC) guidance on how to slow or prevent the spread of any virus. We will continue to update you as we get more information about the virus and how it may impact the university or DDDC's operating status. Also, in addition to the daily cleaning of our buildings each night by Rutgers University custodial staff, we are doing the following things to prevent or reduce the spread of any illness at our center. DDDC staff are disinfecting all surfaces touched frequently at the end of each school day and are assisting your son or daughter to wash his or her hands thoroughly at the following times: upon arriving at school, before eating, after eating, after coughing/sneezing, upon returning from any community trip, and prior to leaving our building at the end of the day.

In addition, while we are hoping that a center closure will be unnecessary, the Department of Education is advising that we develop a plan in case we are required to close our center at any point in the future. To help us plan, we are asking each DDDC family to complete the following [survey](#) regarding the support you hope to receive should there be a period of time during which we are unable to provide services at our center. Once we have an idea of the support each family would like in the event of a school closing, we will develop a plan to provide that support with the resources we have available.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



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