

OLCLC Coronavirus Update March 11, 2020

Old Lyme Children's Learning Center continues to monitor information from both the CDC and Ledge Light Health District regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus). Governor Ned Lamont has ordered a state of emergency in which he may authorize schools to close until sometime in April.

We have taken additional steps to ensure the health and safety of our Staff and Students. Here are a few of the steps we will be following:

- Daily review of the CDC, Ledge Light and CT Department of Public Health
- Review regular updates from the State Department of Public Health
- Ensure that all hand sanitizers are full and operable and present though out all programs
- Ensure that all soap dispensers are full and operable
- Hand washing by students and staff more frequently and for a least 20 seconds
- Put additional cleaning steps and practices in place
- We continue to seek guidance from School Administration in the area and also from Ledge Light Health District

In lieu of what we are doing at the Center we are asking our families to **review your contingency plans** with family and friends in case our center is forced to close. We also ask that any parent traveling outside the Connecticut borders let us know, so that we can be well-informed and can alter our pick up and drop off protocol if necessary. We also reserve the right to deny access based on your travel as it is our priority to protect ALL students at the center. Please understand that all of these protocols are in place to protect our students and that communication is a key piece to prevent the spread of this virus in this area. We are asking for your full cooperation in this matter.

Medical Emergency Preparedness:

Our school monitors and plans for absenteeism and/ or closure. A COVID-19 outbreak in our community could lead to staff and student absenteeism. Because we are regulated through the Department of Public Health/ECE there are no alternatives to our staffing regulations which may lead to the event of a closure. Please review your contingency plans with your family and friends in case this situation occurs.

Prevent:

We are asking our staff and families who are showing signs or illness, DO NOT report to work/school until symptoms have subsided. We ask this to keep the environment as safe and healthy for every individual here at the Center.

In closing we will keep you updated on any new information that we receive through the agencies that we are in close contact with daily. Remember the best way to prevent the spread of illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to **wash hands regularly**. We will do everything we can to keep our environment safe and healthy at the center but a large part of that relies on parents not sending children to school who are ill.

Thank you,

Alison and Pat