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DPI is closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak and reviewing information from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our local health departments. Information may also be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

DPI will be following CDC guidelines; including but not limited to staying home if displaying symptoms of illness (listed below). Staff and families will be the first to know of any new recommendations related to attendance, illness or community outings.

We continue to urge all families/staff/person served to practice habits necessary to stay healthy. Steps you can take to prevent spread of illness will also help prevent coronavirus.

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick. Avoid close contact with others
- Stay home while you are sick
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing

DPI continues to be focused on health and wellness. We take steps each evening to have a thorough clean of each program location by a third party vendor. We also take precautions throughout the day in regards to proper cleaning. With that being said, you may notice some changes in our sign in policy at DPI. We will be having all visitors wait by the front reception area for pick up and drop off each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 816-525-6000, ext. 101.

Thank you for your doing your part in following guidelines noted by the CDC and Missouri Health Department.

Sincerely,

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