



SUBJECT: Coronavirus: Protecting the Families We Serve
DATE: March 12, 2020

Dear Friends of DSG,

People with Down syndrome are at a heightened risk due to age and/or compromised immune systems. DSG's number one priority is the safety of the people we serve and our staff. Due to rising concerns related to the local and national spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, we have been closely monitoring the situation while planning for how to best keep the community we serve safe in this uncertain time.

Right now, our focus is on taking a proactive approach to protecting the health of the DSG community. With that goal, DSG made the difficult decision to cancel or postpone the following events/programs:

- **Effective tomorrow (Friday), March 13 at 8 am until Friday, April 17 at 5 pm:**
 - All group activities are **canceled**, including PALS, STARS and Club 3-21
 - Pathways participants: you will be contacted by your case manager related to your appointments
- **Friday, March 13 & March 14:** Central Missouri events are now **canceled** (Building Healthy Relationships and the New Parent Breakfast)
- **Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20:** STARS Spring Break Camp is now **canceled**
- **Thursday, March 18:** Coco Keys Water Park event is now **canceled**
- **Saturday, March 28:** Sexuality Seminar by Terri Couwenhoven is postponed until further notice
- **Tuesday, March 31:** Central Missouri Music Therapy is now **canceled**
- **Friday, April 10:** Central Missouri Social Hour is now **canceled**
- **Saturday, April 11:** Prom is postponed until further notice
- **Thursday, April 16:**
 - The Private Cellar Wine Tasting and Auction fundraiser will now become a “virtual event” with online bidding
 - Seminar Series—Functional Skills for the School Day, which was rescheduled due to inclement weather, is now **canceled**

While this is disappointing for all of us, we are taking action to prevent any unnecessary risk for the people we serve. We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves and/or resolves and look forward to beginning our programming again once the situation—nationally and locally—is deemed safe.

Please note: DSG's staff will be working our normal business hours during this time and we are just a phone call or email away. We will take this time to plan for the exciting advancements coming soon, including our new Lifelong Learning Campus, Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program, and Therapeutic Play Groups that will all debut later this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason", is written over a white background.

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