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Dear Parents and Guardians of Head Start and Early Head Start Children,

Our program has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in our state and local area. Our Head Start program has remained open to assist families in this confusing time. Upon evaluation of the number of children that have been attending and with the health and safety of our staff in mind, we will be closing our classrooms as of Monday, March 23, 2020 through, at least, Monday, April 13, 2020. We are not currently under a directive to close but the health and safety of all is our main concern!

We hope to minimize any hardships this may cause by remaining open the rest of this week, if you require childcare. Please keep in close contact with your child's teacher and family development specialist (FDS) regarding your need for care. During this time, our staff will be working to continue keeping your child learning by sharing extra Ready Rosie videos, ideas for activities at home, and options to help you get through this uncertain time with your child. Your FDS and teacher will be in contact with you, periodically, over the course of this shutdown to continue to engage with families and deliver services to the extent possible, remotely.

We are in the process of deciding how to best administer our food program during this time, distribute breakfast, and lunch for our Head Start and Early Head Start children. We should know more about that in coming days.

We will keep you updated as things change and progress. The health of you and your child is our number one priority so please take good care of your family and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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