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We have been notified, due to a recent increase in positive COVID cases in Des Moines, Henry, and Lee Counties, that School Districts in Burlington, West Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk have decided to go to a fully virtual format for a minimum of 2 weeks. Our leadership team met to consider the best option for children, families, and staff.

The health and safety of the children in our program is our highest priority. After careful consideration, the decision was made to continue with in-person services for as long as possible to benefit the children educationally and emotionally. Our safety procedures and protocols have been very effective in containing and minimizing the spread of the virus in our centers. We will continue with our strict cleaning and social distancing measures in order to be able to maintain open classrooms for as long as possible.

We at Head Start know how beneficial our program is to our children and we want to continue to provide for their educational and social/emotional needs as much as possible. We also recognize our responsibility to maintain an environment that minimizes risk of exposure to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your continued support of Head Start and Early Head Start.

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