

Dear Families,

Effective Tuesday, March 17, residents of Santa Clara and San Benito County were asked to shelter at their place of residence and to only leave under certain situations and circumstances.

What does this mean for your Head Start and State Preschools?

Please be informed that your child's preschool will be closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 7, 2020. However, we will still be available for you and your family.

If you should have any questions or concerns, visit our [website](#) and click on the button below.



Not only can you read up on information on our [website](#) for family resources, we will also be providing you information and family resources and services to ensure that you and your home are updated with what's happening through phone and email. Lastly, you will receive educational activities to continue engaging in your child's development, even while at home.

What does Shelter in Place order mean for families?

While you are home with your family, you may leave your home if you need or are a part of any of the following:

1. To receive certain essential services such as visiting the hospital or pharmacy, going to the grocery store, getting gas for your vehicle.
2. If your place of employment is considered essential (including governmental services), you may leave your home for work. Please be sure to ask your employer if you need to report to work.

During this time, we ask every parent/guardian to conduct the following actions:

1. **Stay at home.** It is important that you and your household remain inside your home. This means that no one living with you should be leaving your home. If you or anyone in your

home are sick, please make sure that people in your home are separated from the person showing signs of sickness.

2. **Stop all non-essential gatherings.** There are many ways you can keep in contact with your friends and families who do not live in your home. Instead of meeting them in person, consider using social media or other communication such as APPS like video (facetime, skype) or by phone.
3. **Stop all non-essential travel.** Unless it is needed, try not to travel for vacations or outings.
4. **Contact your healthcare provider.** Please be sure to contact your health care provider if you and your household may have had exposure to COVID-19.
5. **Monitor the symptoms in your household.** This means, please consistently check to see if each person in your home is showing symptoms of a fever, cough, sore throat, or any respiratory symptoms. If you or anyone in your home is facing any of these symptoms, please call your doctor right away.
6. **Continue practicing personal hygiene habits.** The best way is through prevention! This includes washing your hands with soap and water frequently, coughing into a tissue or your elbow, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Also, do not forget to continually sanitize your home.

If you have any questions, please call 211. The number 211 is now working to take calls from the community related to COVID-19 to provide updates and connect residents with appropriate resources.

Sincerely,

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