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Dear Parents and Guardians-

Orchard Place has continued to monitor the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus. As expected the situation is evolving rapidly and has now been declared a pandemic with additional recommendations being issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) daily.

You will continue to receive regular Orchard Place Campus via email as the situation evolves. These updates will continue to come via email at this time. You can also reference all parent communication on the Campus page of the Orchard Place website at:

<https://www.orchardplace.org/services/orchard-place-campus>

Here are today's updates:

1. Please take a moment to watch this brief video from our chief medical officer, Dr. Stephen Mandler. <https://www.orchardplace.org/articles-and-events/news/a-message-from-dr-stephen-mandler-chief-medical-officer-at-orchard-place->
2. We will be launching video conferencing options for family visits at the units via Skype on Wednesday. You will receive more details on this in tomorrow's update.
3. Our Campus School personnel wish to maintain connections with their students and so they will be sending letters to the units to be shared with the students to offer support.
4. When scheduling telehealth family sessions, we encourage you to schedule them at a time you are at home and can be in a private location for the session in order to be free from distraction so that your child can feel like the priority in the moment.
5. We will be receiving infrared thermometers for each building by the end of the week. Whereby we will then begin taking temperatures of all youth and all staff reporting to work twice daily. This is another way we continue with high level monitoring and screening to ensure safety for youth, families and staff.

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These are unprecedented times for everyone and can be challenging to navigate. We encourage you to continue to utilize your own self-care plans and social support systems. As always, your child's therapist or building supervisor are available to discuss your concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

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