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Dear Parents and Guardians-

Orchard Place continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. You will continue to receive regular Orchard Place Campus updates via email as the situation evolves. 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 COVID updates-

1. As the Governor has begun lifting restrictions, we have also been closely monitoring guidance from the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding visit restrictions for residential youth.

To this date, DHS has **not** made any changes to their recommendations regarding visit precautions. Therefore, we continue to limit both on-campus and off-campus visits for youth.

However, we are discussing ideas about this and will be part of a larger group of residential providers who will provide guidance/recommendations to DHS regarding the safest way to resume visits. We know you are desperate to see your child but we want to ensure this is done in the safest way possible to lower risk of COVID spread on this campus.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue with regular hand hygiene, use of masks when out in public, maintain social distancing within 6 feet of people and limit your interactions to immediate family only. These efforts you take at home will only help strengthen our safety here at campus when we are able to modify visit restrictions.

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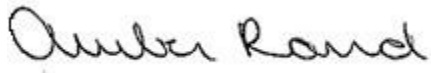
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2. The Campus school online activities will continue for youth through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at which time final grades will be determined for the year. We are still considering all options for summer school and hope to have plans in place within next 1-2 weeks.

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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