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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-

I was able to obtain 30 COVID tests to use for youth residing in Aliber Unit 1, Bright Unit 4 and Shiffler North. These youth are being tested as they have the highest chance for a possible exposure to the COVID positive staff member. The tests were administered today and will be processed by the State Hygienic Lab; we should have results by **Wed. May 27th**. The testing department has limited hours due to the upcoming holiday so it will take longer to get our results than normal. Nursing will notify you via phone of those test results as soon as they come in. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's testing, please contact the nursing department at 515-287-9651.

I was able to secure enough tests for youth only and had to prioritize those who may have had the highest chance for exposure. I was not able to secure tests for any staff members nor for the rest of the campus youth.

The reason for this is because the federal government has issued new guidance for nursing homes to begin testing residents and staff every week. As you can imagine, this will take enormous testing supplies to get done. Therefore, the State of Iowa felt they could not provide

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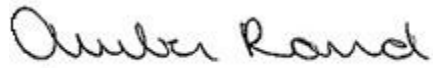
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a large number of tests to youth facilities because our patients are not at the same risk level as nursing home residents.

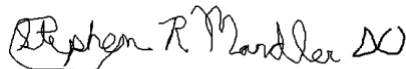
While this reasoning is understandable, it is still quite disappointing. We have continued to encourage our staff to seek out testing through Test Iowa, which many of them have done. We will continue with twice per day temperature taking and symptom monitoring for all staff and kids.

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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