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Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope all are safe and remain healthy and that all are managing the “stay at home directive”, as well as can be expected. **On Thursday, April 9th, Governor Wolf extended the school closure until the end of the current school year.** While this is not welcome news, it does give us a more solid direction and allows us to plan accordingly for the remainder of the year. There are many issues that we must still plan to successfully close the school year. Stay tuned for continued communications from HHI personnel about educational programming, summer camp and other HHI related events.

We hope that the teacher/parent teaching has gone well for your family. We know that it can be difficult, different, and at times challenging for both you at home and faculty as well. Our teachers are dedicated to continuing to supply you with a variety of learning activities, resources and, guidance for your child’s successful early childhood education. While this is certainly no replacement for a typical school day, it is our earnest desire to provide meaningful learning activities that advance growth and knowledge. The more our young learners are engaged, the more they will personally benefit both the short and long term, so we ask you to do your best to encourage them to plug in with their teachers.

If you are currently working at an essential business and need essential care, please see below for resources:

Map of Allegheny County Free Food Distribution Sites:

<https://alcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=abaca148492b47a7ad0d5a71f5d2c5e8>

Child Care Center Info (Essential Service Employees)

ELRC will be the resource to help match essential employees to childcare providers operating with waivers and community partners offering support:

- Elrc5@alleghenycounty.us • 412-350-3577
- Currently ~250 open childcare seats
- State released a new tool to match workers to childcare, but we recommend contacting ELRC for most up-to-date info <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Child-Care.aspx>

Finally, I wish to express my deepest thanks for the flexibility, understanding, and support you have given Hosanna House Child Development Center and especially our teachers, as we take this journey!

Sincerely,

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