

Important Information Regarding COVID-19 for Parents Considering Admission

In this document, Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services is informing you that we have had several confirmed COVID-19 cases among our staff and have had a child who tested positive as well. We share this information with you so you will be aware of the risk for exposure to COVID-19 when making your decision to admit your child to our (or any) residential facility.

We want you to know that we have prepared diligently for this, and we are working hard to ensure that everyone on campus is as safe as possible during this pandemic. Some of the actions that we have taken to slow the spread and flatten the curve are listed below.

- We lowered the census to ensure that each child has an individual room.
- We provided masks for all of our staff and kids.
- We have isolated each living area to prevent cross-contamination with staff and kids.
- Created an infirmary on campus to further isolate any children who show significant symptoms
- Enacted social distancing guidelines for staff and kids.
- Enlisted COVID-19 testing on-site with next business day results.
- Taking the temperature of all staff before their shift.
- Enlisted our nursing department to test and clear any staff members who may have symptoms.
- Restructured meetings by using teleconference or videoconference systems.
- Restricted all travel throughout the state.
- We are providing plenty of hand sanitizer and soap for everyone to stay clean.

Even with all of these efforts, we know that this is still a very scary time to have your child away from you. Please know that we are here for you. We want to provide you with as much information as possible while still maintaining confidentiality. Our therapists and nurses are working hard to make sure that we communicate any information that we have about your child as soon as we can. If your child has symptoms and we end up testing them, we will proactively reach out to you. If your child tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, we will call you. If you have any questions about your child, our therapists, supervisors, and nursing staff are here to help you. Please feel encouraged to call about the well-being of your child. We know this is of paramount importance to each of you. As we go through this together, we want you to be as informed as possible. Our mission is to guide children and families home to experience God’s love by following the teachings of Christ, and at this moment in history, I cannot see how to do that better than by being proactive in our care for your child.

Also, be aware that you have the right to remove your child from our care with or against clinical advice. Thank you for trusting us with your child, and please know that we are fully engaged in keeping your child safe. If you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

David Wheeler, Ph.D., Clinical Vice President

I acknowledge receiving the information contained in this document and am aware of the increased risk of exposure of my child to COVID-19.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____