



Dear Families,

We want to thank you all again for your continued support as we navigate through these uncertain times together.

We know that your priority is to maintain a safe environment and sense of normalcy for your children, and we share the same focus. Whether your children are in our schools or at home with you, we are committed to maintaining open lines of communication until we can all be reunited again.

We are constantly evaluating our current practices to keep both children and our staff safe. Therefore, we increased preventative health measures, and we are working closely with the CDC, commissioner of health, Iowa's Department of Human Services (licensing), and state and local health departments to respond as quickly as possible to the latest guidance as it continues to evolve. Below are a few of the new procedures that we will be implementing based on the recommendations from the agencies listed above. Some of these practices have already been implemented. This is to streamline and communicate our policy so that we are all on the same page.

- For the past two weeks, upon arrival, we have implemented new screening procedures, which include checking your child's temperature. In following with previous practices, we will not be able to provide care for a child if either you, your child, or someone who resides in your household has a temperature of 100.4°F or higher. Going forward, we will also ask to take your temperature so that we can be assured that we are working within the guidelines of the CDC and health department.
- Additionally, as per updated guidance from the CDC, we are asking that children remain home until they are symptom free for 7 days, or if they have had a fever to remain home until they are fever free for 72 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
- Throughout the day, we will conduct regular health checks of children and adults. If your child shows symptoms of respiratory illness, we will respectfully request that you pick her or him up as soon as possible.
- We ask that you notify us if you have traveled to anywhere outside of the State of Iowa, including travel to other states, as the United States is now considered a Level 3 travel area. Depending on where you have traveled, we may ask you to refrain from entering our schools for two weeks. Thank you for being diligent in keeping us informed of any travel so we can determine if it qualifies under any Level 3 travel areas. We are so appreciative of your understanding.

At any time, you can visit the Navigating COVID-19 link on the New Horizon Academy website to see the many precautions we are undertaking. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

We deeply care for the well-being of your children and value the important role we have as an extension of your family. The many expressions of support from you are heartwarming and uplifting, and the trust



you place in us inspires us to continue to provide high-quality care and education during this difficult time. Please know that we have confidence that, together, we will overcome this challenge.

Sincerely,

Director