

April 10, 2020

Dear Parents,

I want to share my gratitude for your patience and support during this time. Living through a pandemic where non-essential businesses and public gatherings have been canceled has been challenging for all Arizonans. I am deeply appreciative for your understanding as we strive to meet the needs and health of your children while supporting this public health crisis.

I am pleased to once again report that at this time, there are no known children positive for COVID-19 in care. We continue to monitor this very closely. Earlier this week, with the assistance of the Department of Health Services, we were able to institute expedited testing protocols for any children exhibiting symptoms to receive timelier test results. This is being done as a precaution and thankfully has not been utilized to this point.

The Stay Home, Stay Healthy and Stay Connected executive order remains in effect until April 30th. We understand this time has been exceptionally hard for many and the impacts from unemployment have been equally significant. The Department is striving to maintain Connectedness during this time through virtual visitation and continuation of services.

We anxiously monitor the news and progress of this public health crisis in a hope that the spread will diminish quickly and regular engagements resume. Communication will continue weekly and we will share any updates and information that is available.

If you have any questions please continue to engage directly with your DCS Specialist or [visit the DCS COVID-19 resource page](#) for more information.

Please have a blessed Passover/Easter weekend. Stay Healthy and Stay Connected,

Mike Faust
Director