



March 13, 2020

Dear Educare DC Families,

In order to support efforts in the DC region to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of Educare DC's children, families, and staff, we have decided to close Educare DC to children and families effective Monday, March 16, with plans to reopen on Wednesday, April 1. There will no longer be a Spring Break period in April.

We hope that by closing during this period when most surrounding schools are closed will allow families to avoid close contact with others as much as possible, slowing the spread of the virus.

Schedule

- **Monday, March 16 – Tuesday, March 31** — Educare DC will be closed to students and families.
- **Wednesday, April 1** — School will resume normal hours of operation.
- We will be sending updates and other important information via the **Remind App**. If you are not signed up please see any family engagement staff member or Ms. Sellers at the front desk.

Supports for Families

Food Resources

- At pick up you will receive a list of DCPS school meal distribution sites and local food pantries.
- Take-home bags of food will also be available for Educare DC families to pick up **TODAY from 3pm to 6 pm**.

Learning Activities

- At pick up you will receive take-home activity bags and a home-school connection calendar, and will be posting activities on our Facebook page.
- You can follow us on Facebook here: www.facebook.com/EducareWashingtonDC/

Educare DC Resource Hotline

- If you are having an emergency, please call 911.
- If you are experiencing a situation (that is not an emergency) that Educare would normally help you with, please call our hotline at (202) 929-0206.
- A staff member will be available to respond to your call during the hours of 9am – 5pm Monday through Friday.

Other Resources

- DC City Council is working on releasing additional funds that could provide relief and assistance, however this is not finalized. We will send out updates as they are available.

How to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Prevention

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day. This is the best method of prevention. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible, especially when feeling sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Note that during the closure, Educare DC's facility will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

If I have Symptoms, What Should I Do?

- The symptoms that are currently being seen with COVID-19 are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath.
- Stay home until you are free of fever, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours and without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medications.
- Seek medical attention if you have reason to believe you have been exposed to coronavirus or influenza. Call your healthcare provider before visiting a healthcare facility.

For additional health information visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>

We realize that this closing is unplanned and will cause disruption for everyone, and we are sorry for that. Educare is committed to the health and safety of our community, and we have made this difficult decision to close temporarily because we believe it is in all of our best interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Truesdale (mtruesdale@educaredc.org), Jamal Berry (jberry@educaredc.org), or call the hotline number listed above, once again that number is (202) 929-0206.

Sincerely,
Educare DC Management Team