



COVID-19 UPDATE

As the coronavirus pandemic has taken over every aspect of American life, ICS would like to update our parents, students, staff, donors and other stakeholders regarding how the virus has impacted us and our plans to move forward. As indicated in earlier communications, ICS had a confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus and in turn, closed the school and had an early Spring break from March 19 – April 6th. During the time of the first case, and our self-quarantine, two more staff members became ill and were tested and unfortunately tested positive for the virus. Good news, they are doing well and off quarantine! We are grateful to God for His divine protection over us as we know that there are many that have not had the same outcome and have lost their lives to this contagious virus. We are told that our staff members now have immunities and will likely not get the virus again, especially when it breaks out again in the fall during cold/flu season.

In addition, when Governor Polis ordered private schools to close on March 23rd, we strongly believed after much prayer and consideration, to move forward in operating under our Childcare license for our families that are still working and need daycare, as well as being a resource to our community. We will open our doors on April 13th. We are part of the Emergency Childcare systems in Colorado and people needing care will see us as a resource. We are also eligible to receive help from the Early Childhood Council and other agencies to provide help with PPE, staffing, cleaning and supplies. We look at this opportunity as a great way to be a positive resource for our community.

ICS staff is working hard this week to determine the best course of action to get our students through the end of the school year via remote learning. We are grateful for the generous blessing from the Colorado Garden Foundation of laptops for our students and staff that need them for online learning. One challenge ahead of us is that our infrastructure will need to be updated in order to keep online learning as smooth as possible. While we are not equipped or designed to be an online school, we are committed to help our students excel academically given the current circumstances. However, it is our prayer that we will be able to resume meeting in person in the fall as this is our true heart as Inner City School.

During this challenging time, your support is needed now more than ever. If you can donate time, resources or would like to make a monetary donation, please click the Donate Now button on the website (www.innercityschool.org). We greatly appreciate your contributions. May God bless and keep you. You pray for us, and we will pray for you.

Shalom,

Jacque Graham
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