



## PROGRAMMING UPDATE II

April 2, 2020

To the Communities and Families of Kids SmART:

As most of you may have already heard, Governor Jared Polis extended the order of all public and private schools in Colorado to remain closed through April 30 due to the continued spread of COVID-19. We realize that this continued closure of school has a tremendous effect on our families. Kids SmART is doing everything we can to help, while also supporting the laws in place to help mitigate the spread of this terrible virus.

With both benefactors in mind, Kids SmART has partnered with the Colorado Office of Early Childhood and Jefferson County School District to potentially open some of our programs on a reduced basis for families working in essential businesses. We are currently assessing the need of our programming for families, and will update all of you as soon as it is determined essential for Kids SmART to reopen. At this time, the process of enrollment for child care programming must all be filtered through the COVID Child Care Colorado site ([www.covidchildcarecolorado.com](http://www.covidchildcarecolorado.com)). The good news with this is that childcare provided through this site is currently FULLY PAID FOR BY THE STATE!

If you are a parent/guardian in a position that is considered essential and are in need of emergency childcare, I urge you to go on to <https://covidchildcarecolorado.com/parent-survey-home/> and register for emergency childcare. If you are not certain if you are considered essential, click on the following link

[http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/OEC\\_Resources?p=Resources&s=Frequently-Asked-Questions-Emergency-Child-Care-Collaborative&lang=en](http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/OEC_Resources?p=Resources&s=Frequently-Asked-Questions-Emergency-Child-Care-Collaborative&lang=en)

Go to "Signing up to find or provide care". There is a list of positions approved as essential through this program. Once the State determines enough need in our area, they will approve us to open our licensed programs. When that approval/need is confirmed, I will send out an additional correspondence verifying the locations and date that we will reopen. I will also send out correspondence if/when they negate the need to go through the covidchildcare program site and when families can sign up independent of that system.

At this time, Kids SmART is planning to fully reopen for before/after school programming on May 1 when school is currently set to re-start. If that date changes, please know that Kids SmART Before/After School reopening will also be forced to change.

In regards to summer camp programming, we continue to plan fun events and activities. Although it may look a bit different, we believe these kids need to have fun more than ever and we are determined to provide that. New summer camp registrations are on hold for now, but if you're already registered we can't wait to spend an exciting summer with your kiddos!

I can't thank you enough for your continued support of Kids SmART through this unprecedented time. It is truly an awful feeling to not be able to help the families that we have grown to care for so much. Together, albeit remotely, we will get through to the other side. And we'll all be better for it!

With much regard,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Holck".

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