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**Memo Regarding Services**

Piece of Our Puzzle has been closely following the latest updates and news on the COVID-19 epidemic. As of 2pm this afternoon there have been some major changes that will impact all service provision as per direction from Governor Wolf. **Beginning Sunday, March 15th there will be no services rendered from Piece of Our Puzzle until 3/30/20**:

- **The Early Intervention Dept is closed**. Elwyn has stopped services in school, home and community until 3/30/20. In regard to hours owed during this time, that will be something we can update all families on once we are told directly from Elwyn. We have no say in that matter.

- **The ABA department is closed**. There will be no in-home, school or community ABA sessions until 3/30/20. As a non-essential industry, we are obligated to follow the direction given by Governor Wolf. Please note that your BSC/BCBA **WILL** be available during this time for consulting via phone call, email, and/or video chat. The number of hours your BSC/BCBA is available will depend on a specific child by child basis. Please contact your BSC/BCBA to schedule this.

- **The Adult Services Dept is closed**. There will be no in-home, school or community adult services until 3/30/20. As a non-essential industry, we are obligated to follow the direction given by Governor Wolf.

- **The Piece of Our Puzzle Academy is closed**. All state licensed childcare centers are ordered to be closed until 3/30/20. We are unable to provide services in the preschool or childcare of any type which is contrary to what we had hoped for.

We completely understand the frustration that this may cause however we need to be proactive in making sure all of the families we service are safe and healthy, as are the staff. In addition, we are obligated to follow instruction from those above us no matter how we feel about it. Please take this time to practice self-care and reach out if you need anything. I will have resources surrounding the COVID-19 epidemic on both the Piece of Our Puzzle website (www.pieceofourpuzzle.com) and the Puzzle Academy website ([www.thepuzzleacademy.org](http://www.thepuzzleacademy.org)) within the next day or so. We are here to help you through this as much as we possibly can. Thank you for your cooperation during a very hectic time but most importantly stay safe!

Sincerely,

Erin Farrell

Director

The following was taken from Governor Tom Wolf’s website regarding the decision to (<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-congresswoman-houlahan-sec-of-health-sec-of-education-outline-covid-19-mitigation-guidance-for-pennsylvania-schools-and-additional-closures-in-bucks-and-chester-counties/>):

**Guidance for Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, and Chester Counties and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**Applicability**

The following guidance was in place beginning Friday, March 13, in Montgomery County; Saturday, March 14, in Delaware County; and Bucks and Chester counties tomorrow, March 15, for fourteen days.

We will evaluate our options throughout that period and continue to communicate as we learn more.

**Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, and Chester Counties**

- A no visitor policy has been implemented for correctional facilities and nursing homes and will be evaluated for other facilities.

-Freedom of travel will remain, but the governor and his administration ask all people to refrain from non-essential travel.

-All childcare centers licensed by the Commonwealth will be closed beginning Monday, March 16.

-Adult day care centers will be closed beginning Monday, March 16.

-Essential services will be available: police, fire and emergency medical services, and essential services for vulnerable populations.

-Supermarkets, pharmacies, and gas stations will remain open. The administration [issued guidance](https://dced.pa.gov/resources/) for non-essential businesses during county-specific mitigation periods to protect employees, customers, and suppliers and limit the spread of the virus through personal contact and surfaces.