

March 13, 2020

## Good Afternoon,

As we stated in our earlier communication Benedictine is committed to the health and safety of our students, adults and staff here on campus and in our community homes. Following the directive of Governor Hogan, The Benedictine School will close our day school program to students from March 16 – March 27.

For those students who receive residential services Benedictine will provide a modified program of activities during normal school hours. We will also modify the residential program taking into account the CDC guidance.

We will continue to implement previously communicated precautions as outlined below:

- Continued staff precautions including hygiene recommendations
- If an employee is sick they are to stay home from work; if a student is sick they will either stay at home, or remain in the infirmary
- Deep cleaning of the school building, residential settings, and vehicles
- Daily health monitoring of students and staff

The below precautions will now be implemented beginning Monday, March 16th:

- No non-family visitors will be permitted on campus or group homes
- Family visits must be scheduled in advance with administration or case manager (campus and group homes)
- Off campus visits with families are discouraged and when they do occur will require check in with nursing and administration upon return to campus
- All community based outings into public settings are cancelled
- Encourage remote communication (Facetime, Skype, etc.) when applicable

We will continue to monitor the situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19) in conjunction with our state agencies and local health officials. We will continue to update families daily through e-mail and all correspondence can be found on the main page of our website <a href="www.benschool.org">www.benschool.org</a> beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate the continued conversations and collaboration in dealing with this very unique situation. We are grateful for your support and cooperation.

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