March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In abundance of caution due to the rapid spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, ***Kinship House is cancelling all Supervised Visitations beginning at the end of the business day Friday March 13, 2020 through Monday April 6, 2020.*** This is keeping with the directive of Governor DeWine as it relates to Ohio Public Schools.

During this extended period of time Kinship House will conduct Supervised Exchanges and complete orientations/intakes for new families over the phone and/or by appointment only. Supervised Exchanges will continue due to our ability to isolate contact with other families. We are suspending Supervised Visitations due to sustained, close proximity among families.

Anyone entering our facility to Exchange will need to ensure the following:

* You do not have a fever (greater than 100.4º F or 38.0º C OR are not experiencing the symptoms associated with COVID-19, i.e. respiratory illness such as cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
* You have not traveled to an area known with local spread of COVID-19
* You have not come into close contact (within 6 feet) with someone who has a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days

Kinship House personnel will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with health and safety professionals to evaluate when our Supervised Visitations can resume safely.

Kinship House understands the burden caused by closing, however due to the nature of close family contact we believe this to be in the best interest of our family’s and staff to follow the schedule of the mandated Ohio Public School closing by the Governor’s office. For specific inquiries, please contact Tara Ohlemacher at [tara@kinshiphouse.com](mailto:tara@kinshiphouse.com) or call 419.625.2672.

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Sincerely,

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