

Dear Tallatoona Stakeholders,

We are sure by now you have read, seen and heard news reports about the potential widespread impact of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in our community. Over the past weekend, the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed five cases of the disease in Georgia - three in Fulton County, one in Polk County and one in Cobb County.

At Tallatoona, the safety, security and well-being of our employees, Head Start students and families, program participants and stakeholders are a top priority. As such, our leadership team is closely monitoring all developments related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and will coordinate with state and local officials, should the virus directly impact our organization.

We will continue to provide updated information as we receive directives from local, state, and federal health officials. The following guidance has been provided for organizations to help all of us to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in our community:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover it, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Throughout all of our facilities our janitorial team will be following CDC guidance and implementing additional cleanings in all of our centers and offices.

There are a number of other helpful resources available from the CDC everyone should review:

- [How to prepare and take action for COVID-19 \(Centers for Disease Control\)](#)
- [Facts about the Coronavirus \(Centers for Disease Control\)](#)
- [DPH Preparations for Potential Spread of COVID-19 \(Georgia Department of Public Health\)](#)

Cleaning Guidelines from the CDC to prevent Coronavirus

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. We will provide further updates as we learn them.

Sincerely,

Scott Gray
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