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Dear Ivymount Outreach Families,

Yesterday, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) announced that schools will remain closed through April 24. We share with you the considerable uncertainty as well as the disappointment this news brings, even while recognizing the importance of this effort to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

Our team of dedicated and creative staff have been discussing options to continue to provide as many Outreach services as possible while ensuring that our decisions are thoughtfully implemented with our exceptional clients in mind.

While the school remains closed through April 24th and non-essential business are closed until further notice, Ivymount Outreach will be unable to provide services onsite in the Ivymount School building during this time. We will also be pausing all home programs as of 8pm today to ensure the health and welfare of our clients and staff. Options for telehealth may be available to current clients receiving individual therapy. Please email jengel@ivymount.org to discuss ABA home services or cwoodham@ivymount.org to discuss speech therapy, OT, or tutoring.

Plans for group programs are outlined below.

- Camp LOL – Spring session is on hold until the building reopens. Tentative start date is Saturday 4/25/20.
- Afterschool Clubs – Spring session is on hold until the building reopens and school resumes. Tentative start date is 4/28/20.
- Educational Programs (Unstuck and OnTarget!, Applied Unstuck and GameTime) – Program is tentatively set to resume on 4/25 and run through 6/20/20. Online options are being explored if state mandated guidelines extend past 4/24/20.
- Self Advocacy Group – Program is tentatively set to resume 4/28 and run through 6/9/20. Online options are being explored if state mandated guidelines extend past 4/24/20. MD DORS has approved the shift to online classes during this time.
- ACT Parent Group – Program is currently on hold. Jennie Kampf will be in touch with parents to discuss the options for moving forward.

In the next two weeks, all families will receive an email detailing the current status of their financial account based on services provided and payments made to date. Directions will be included on how to pay for any outstanding charges. Families that have a credit in their account for services paid in advance will have the option to keep the money in their account for future services or request a refund. Families will not be charged for services that are not provided due to the impact of COVID-19; should we be unable to resume Spring programs or need to reduce the number of sessions we can provide before the end of the school year, all prepayments will be refunded.



Ivymount Outreach will continue to provide resources by email and on our website. Thank you for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times. Please do not hesitate to email us with questions at outreach@ivymount.org

Sincerely,

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Outreach Administrative Director