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To Our Therapies 4 Kids Families

Please be assured that T4K is actively monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak. The individuals and families affected by it are in our minds and hearts as we take proactive measures to protect our community.

We are in contact with our Public Health departments in Dade/Broward/Palm Beach counties and continue to follow the guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov) and [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int).

PROGRAM UPDATE: March 11

At this time, T4K remains open for therapy.

CDC's Illness Policy

To maintain a healthy environment and prevent the spread of illness including COVID-19, please adhere to our existing policy regarding illness and cancel your appointment if your child is not feeling well. Please call us as soon as possible to cancel if you notice any of the following:

- Fever (temperature of 100°F or above within the past 24 hours)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Irritability, lethargy, or loss of appetite.
- Diarrhea or vomiting repeated within 24 hours.
- Rash (body rash, heat rash or an allergic reaction), especially if accompanied by a fever.
- Conjunctivitis ("pink eye") or mucus draining from the eyes.
- Lice or scabies (children must be free from skin infestations before services resume).
- Chickenpox.

Please notify our therapy center if your child or other members of your household come down with a highly contagious illness. We will notify other families who may have been exposed.

Help Prevent the Spread of Viruses

The same good health habits that prevent other viruses like the flu also prevent COVID-19 spread. We will be reinforcing these habits with the families and children we serve, and ask that you reinforce them at home:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, with 60% alcohol, if soap and water are not available.
- Cough into a tissue or your elbow (not your hand), then throw tissue away and wash hands.



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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Keep students home if running a temperature or they report not feeling well, appear weak or ill.
- Consult your health care provider if you or your child has health conditions that put you at increased risk.

If the Outbreak Spreads

At this time, our center-based and early intervention programs are open and operating at all sites. We are monitoring the situation closely and will update with any change.

In the event COVID-19 becomes more widespread in our community, CDC is planning ahead as follows:

- Both our center-based and early intervention programs operating from all sites remain open unless we receive notification of a CONFIRMED case of COVID-19.
- If we receive notification of a CONFIRMED case of COVID-19, we will close the site where the family/individual was based and notify all families/individuals receiving services at that site.
- Should the Broward County School Districts close their entire district, the program associated with that district will also close.
- In the event of a long-term closure of any or all our sites, we are exploring options for continuing to offer core services, including via tele-health, and will update families when/if appropriate.

Please remember viruses do not discriminate, and neither should we. Help us prevent discrimination or stigmatization by sharing accurate information. COVID-19 infection is not connected to any race, ethnicity, or nationality.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) and Children

Q: Are children more susceptible to the virus that causes COVID-19 compared with the general population and how can infection be prevented?

A: No, there is no evidence that children are more susceptible. In fact, most confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported from China have occurred in adults. Infections in children have been reported, including in very young children. From limited information published from past Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) outbreaks, infection among children was relatively uncommon.

For information on risk, please see current risk [assessment](#). Children should engage in usual preventive actions to avoid infection, including cleaning hands often using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer,



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avoiding people who are sick, and staying up to date on vaccinations, including influenza vaccine. Additional information on prevention measures can be found here ([Prevention for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)).

Q: Does the clinical presentation of COVID-19 differ in children compared with adults?

A: Limited reports of children with COVID-19 in China have described cold-like symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Gastrointestinal symptoms (vomiting and diarrhea) have been reported in at least one child with COVID-19. These limited reports suggest that children with confirmed COVID-19 have generally presented with mild symptoms, and though severe complications (acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock) have been reported, they appear to be uncommon. See more information on CDC [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19](#).

Q: Are children at increased risk for severe illness, morbidity, or mortality from COVID-19 infection compared with adults?

A: There have been very few reports of the clinical outcomes for children with COVID-19 to date. Limited reports from China suggest that children with confirmed COVID-19 may present with mild symptoms and though severe complications (acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock) have been reported, they appear to be uncommon. However, as with other respiratory illnesses, certain populations of children may be at increased risk of severe infection, such as children with underlying health conditions.

Q: Are there any treatments available for children with COVID-19?

A: There are currently no antiviral drugs recommended or licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for COVID-19. Clinical management includes prompt implementation of [recommended infection prevention and control measures](#) in healthcare settings and supportive management of complications. See more information on CDC [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19](#).

Children and their family members should engage in usual preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory infections, including covering coughs, cleaning hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and staying up to date on vaccinations, including influenza. Additional information on prevention measures can be found here ([Prevention for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)).