

Dear Families,

Over the past week, you have received information directly from your child's school about the next phase of instruction at home for students beginning on Monday, April 6. As you know, the Governor extended Ohio's stay-at-home order through at least May 1.

Although your child will now be learning at home, his or her IEP or 504 team remains the same. We already miss seeing our students at school, but our staff is working to keep as much continuity as possible for our students on IEPs and 504 plans. The team members will continue to collaborate with the classroom teachers to maintain necessary support and modifications outlined in your child's plan.

If your child is on an IEP, the interventionist will contact you directly to explain how your child will connect using a virtual platform, such as Zoom or Google Meet. Learning will include weekly activities that address your child's specific IEP goals.

### **Office Hours**

Like teachers and administrators, interventionists will conduct office hours for two hours each scheduled school day. The times will vary from team to team, so the interventionist will let you or your child know directly what their office hours are.

### **Related Services – Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy**

Students receiving related services will participate in weekly virtual therapy sessions using a digital platform such as Google Meet, Zoom or Facetime. During the face-to-face therapy session, students will receive practice activities for the remainder of the week. Additionally, the therapist will send written instructions via email for the follow-up activities to you or child, if appropriate.

We understand these new virtual sessions may pose some challenges, however, given the social distancing guidelines from public health officials and the state's stay-at-home order, we are unable to continue students' services with direct in-person contact.

### **Connecting With Team Members**

In addition to office hours, you can reach out to your child's teachers, interventionist or therapists at any time. You will be able to speak to them directly especially during the weekly face-to-face virtual sessions and check ins. As always, you can expect an answer to emails within 24 hours.

We ask that you do not record your child's virtual therapy sessions or weekly interactions with the interventionist. Your child will be continually learning new strategies and receive additional practice activities each session. If you, or your child, has any questions about the session or the assigned practice, please reach out to the interventionist or teacher right away for clarification.

If you have additional questions about how virtual connections and at-home learning will work for your child, please contact any member of your child's educational team.

