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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Dear Parents or Guardians,

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) has been notified of a confirmed COVID-19 case at Walter Fuller Recreation Center. The facility is working with DOH-Pinellas and will temporarily be closed in order to conduct heightened cleaning and implement further remediation.

Please monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19 through June 18. If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home, and contact a healthcare provider immediately. If you are identified as a high-risk contact, DOH-Pinellas, Epidemiology Program may contact you related to this exposure and conduct contact tracing.

The symptoms of COVID-19 vary widely between people but may include fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. While there are some reports of severe illness among children, available evidence show most children experience mild symptoms. However, children may pass COVID-19 to older adults or people with underlying medical conditions that may result in severe illness and complications.

The virus spreads person-to-person mainly through close contact with someone who is infected. Some people without symptoms may still be able to spread the virus. **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus.**

- Practice social distancing; stay at least six feet from other people
- Wash your hands often
 - Review the importance of good handwashing with your child. Educational resources can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with [EPA-approved products](#).
 - Review [CDCs: Cleaning Guidance](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others. More information on cloth face masks can be found at [CDC: Cloth Face Coverings](#).
- [Adhere to isolation guidance by DOH-Pinellas if notified of high-risk exposures.](#)

We also recommend taking additional steps to protect your child's overall wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak. Encourage your child to stay active and provide opportunities to play outdoors. Help your child stay socially connected via phone, video chats, or letters. Watch for signs of stress or behavior changes and help your child cope with stress. For additional resources to keep children healthy during stressful times, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children.html>.

Children may worry about how COVID-19 may impact them, their family, and friends. Parents and guardians can help children navigate this experience in an honest and accurate way to help minimize anxiety or fear. The CDC created recommendations to assist with these conversations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html>.

Any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter can be directed to DOH-Pinellas Epidemiology Program at 727-824-6932.

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