



March 20, 2020

The Triumph management team met this morning, Friday March 20th. With guidance from the Office of Head Start and the State of Massachusetts, **it was determined our agency will be closed until Tuesday April 7th.** We are working together over the next couple of weeks to do our best to continue to support and provide services to our children and families.

- Will are not designated as an emergency childcare site in this area. We will release the names of emergency care sites as soon as EEC releases the information for those who many need emergency childcare
- Co-pays for families with EEC Vouchers will be waived until April 7th. Your child will not lose their slot
- We encourage families to utilize the designated food distribution sites throughout the city of Taunton for breakfast and lunches for children (Mulchaey, Parker, Martin and Hopewell Elementary Schools)
- If your child is still on formula, baby cereal or jarred food, we will continue our baby food distribution on Tuesdays. On March 24 from 12 noon to 2pm, Triumph will give out diapers, wipes, formula, baby food and cereal to our Early Head Start families
- If you have a preschooler who needs diapers or wipes, you may also come to the Riverway center on Tuesday March 24th from 12 noon to 2pm
- Also, on Tuesday March 24th from 11-12 noon, if parents have brought children's medication to one of our centers and you'd like to pick it up, you can come to our RW site to get it. A nurse will be on staff to release it. Parents must have valid i.d. for this to take place
- Our Facebook page and Website will continue to be updated. We are working on creating a parent page to share "home-schooling" tips and activities, resources for parents and topics on health (movement, nutrition and wellness)
- We are also working on getting a Triumph Youtube account up and running so our children can see and hear their teachers. Our plan is to have them read stories, activities and sing songs. We hope it's something the children enjoy
- Routines are important. Try as best as you can to keep to a schedule for your children. Get them up in the morning, have them brush their teeth, wash their face, get dressed and eat breakfast. Have them do a morning activity, then lunch and a nap (if they like to nap), then either some outdoor/fresh air time or indoor gross motor activities. Try and keep bedtime around the same time each night. Believe it or not, children thrive on routine and schedules!
- You will be receiving phone calls from your Home Visitor and/or Family Engagement Specialist beginning next week. They are calling to check in to make sure you and your family are doing ok and to get you the resources you might need. We are working together as a team through this crisis so please be honest and reach out if something is needed
- If you, your child or anyone in your family has flu-like symptoms or has be officially diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus, please send an email to our Health and Safety Manager Kate Matteson. Her email is: kmatteson@triumphinc.org. This information is very important so we remain in compliance with the Dept. of Health

Lastly, we are sending thoughts of good health and well-being to you and your families. We miss all of our Head Start children and can't wait until we can all be together again.

#teamtriumphptaunton

Be well,
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