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Dear Parents,

These are certainly difficult times. As we spend more time at home or if you are considered an essential worker and must work, the risk of getting the COVID-19 virus exists, but greatly minimized if you make sure to keep practicing basic preventive measures no matter your circumstance.

The attached information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website is a reminder of the ways we can stay safe. There is also guidance for your employer if you must go to work.

Personally, I recommend that if you order "Take Out" food, be certain to sanitize or dispose of the packaging it comes in when you receive it and of course wash your hands when you receive it, after handling the packaging, and before eating. Better yet and if possible, cook at home and minimize exposure.

Bloomingdale will continue to be with you through this crisis. Staff will continue to reach out to you weekly, so just let them know when is a good time and know we just want to remain connected. Our website, <https://bloomingdalefamilyprogram.org/closure-updates> has activities, yoga videos, and classroom activities for you and your child. Our kitchen staff will also be sharing recipes and ideas to try at home with your children.

We look forward to getting back to normal and seeing everyone once again.

Be Well and Stay Safe!!

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