A Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends: 3/10/20

As you know, there is international attention focused on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). While the occurrence of the Coronavirus remains rare in our area and risk from COVID-19 considered low, this is an evolving situation and we are taking steps to prepare.

We have established a special task force to formulate an Infectious Disease Outbreak Response Plan which will focus on prevention, but also include contingencies for continuity of operations if disruptions in services occur. We are closely following bulletins from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health as well as local health and emergency response officials. The SCS plan, informed by medical and emergency response experts, will be completed by Thursday and will be shared within the SCS community.

Of course, there are long-standing accepted practices to prevent the spread of illness which we can all take:

- If you are sick, you should stay at home to take care of yourself and to help prevent the spread of any illness.
- Very important, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, specifically when you arrive for programs or work, after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching one’s eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Please know we are committed to the health and safety of SCS center participants, in-home care clients, employees and volunteers. The SCS Board and staff are monitoring updates from the CDC and state and local health resources and working diligently to take proactive steps to support the well-being of all in the SCS community. We thank you for your vigilance and cooperation in addressing this health risk.

Sincerely,

cc: Asher Kemp, Jr. President
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