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To CJR Parents, Students, Friends, Volunteers and Associates:

The health and safety of the children, youth and families served by the Connecticut Junior Republic are our highest priority. We are taking the following steps to protect all of our young people and families and our staff from COVID-19 and have underlined some links that you can click on for more information, including access to the [CJR Website](#):

- The CJR Schools in Litchfield and Bristol opened for Extended School Year programming (summer school) on July 6, and are following the State Department of Education guidelines for safe operations, with summer school concluding on August 13. The CJR Schools will continue to operate with social distancing for the new school year, with classes beginning on September 1. [The School Opening Plan](#) is now available online. **INFORMATION FOR THE CABLE ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER (CAVEC) SHOULD BE FAXED TO: 860-567-2670. For any questions or more information, please contact Director of Education and Student Services, James Obst by telephone: 860-567-9423, ext. 211; or by email: jobst@cjryouth.org.**
- Many CJR programs and staff continue to operate on a work-at-home model, utilizing telemedicine, video and phone telecommunication systems to provide services and perform specific program operations. **INFORMATION FOR ANY CJR PROGRAM SITE (EXCLUDING EDUCATION SERVICES) SHOULD BE FAXED TO THIS NUMBER: 860-567-3479. For questions or more information about any CJR Programs, please contact CJR's Administrative offices: 860-567-9423.**
- The CJR Wellness Center is accepting referrals and the staff will be available by telephone or by scheduled video conferencing on an as-needed basis. Please contact Jennifer Grant for referrals by telephone: 860-601-1810; or by email: jgrant@cjryouth.org.
- All staff members, parents and guardians who come to any CJR Program site for planned appointments are required to confirm that in the last 14 days neither they nor their child has been exposed to anyone with COVID-19; traveled outside the continental United States; traveled by airplane or mass transit; or visited a state that is on Connecticut's [Travel Advisory List](#).
- For CJR staff, all business travel outside of normal work duties remains suspended until further notice.
- CJR strongly encourages its staff, students and families to avoid any personal travel outside of the United States; to states that are on Connecticut's [Travel Advisory List](#); or travel by airplane or mass transit system.
- If a staff member, student or guardian has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and/or has traveled outside of the continental United States; traveled by mass transit or by airline; or to a state on Connecticut's [Travel Advisory List](#), that person will be required to provide proof of a negative post-travel COVID test administered at an approved location and within a specified timeline, or to self-quarantine for a 14-day period, before returning to CJR program sites.
- CJR staff members, students and families are educated to ensure that they are aware of the importance of wearing masks, hand washing and not touching their face to avoid exposure. Masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are available for CJR staff and students.
- Any students or staff members exhibiting flu-like symptoms, including fever, coughing, sneezing or shortness of breath are asked to remain at home. If they come to CJR program sites, they will be sent home.

- Parents/guardians will be apprised of any developments or issues that impact their child.
- Buildings associated with CJR program sites are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.
- The CJR pool has been closed to avoid potential transmission of COVID-19 and will remain closed until further notice.
- Board members and volunteers who have traveled outside of the continental United States; traveled by mass transit or by airline; or to a state on Connecticut's [Travel Advisory List](#); will be required to provide proof of a negative post-travel COVID test, or to quarantine at home for 14 days upon return. Those who are exhibiting any of the following symptoms may not enter any CJR Program site: ***Fever, Coughing, Sneezing or Shortness of Breath.***

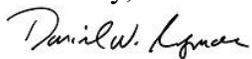
CJR continues to work closely with the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Social Services, Judicial Branch Court Support Services, the State Department of Education, and local education authorities and school districts to ensure the safety of the boys, girls and families associated with our programs, as well as that of our staff.

CJR will provide additional updates on measures being taken to ensure the health and safety of our students, young people and families. In these difficult times, grants, contributions and philanthropic support are more important than ever before and deeply appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the appropriate staff members listed below:

- **Cable Academic and Vocational Education Centers in Bristol and Litchfield:** James K. Obst, Director of Education and Student Services: jobst@cjryouth.org; 860-567-9423, ext. 211
- **Residential Services, including CJR's Litchfield Residential Programs, REGIONS Residential Program in Waterbury and Winchester Group Home:** Christine Jaffer, Director of Residential Services: cjaffer@cjryouth.org; 860-567-9423, ext. 255
- **Behavioral and Mental Health Services:** Jennifer Grant, Director of Behavioral Health Services: jgrant@cjryouth.org; 860-567-9423, ext. 303
- **Community-Based Programs in Danbury, East Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New London and Waterbury:** Ana Flamengo, Director of Community Programs: aflamengo@cjryouth.org; 860-567-9423, ext. 271
- **Fundraising and Public Relations:** Hedy Barton, Director of Development and Public Relations: hbarton@cjryouth.org; 860-567-9423, ext. 252

Please check our website for future updates regarding COVID-19. In light of the continuing public health concern, we are monitoring the evolving situation on a daily basis to keep our young people and families as safe as possible.

Sincerely,



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