

## To Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) Parents, Students, Friends, Volunteers and Associates:

The health and safety of the children, youth and families enrolled in CJR programs are our highest priority and CJR is taking the following measures to protect those we serve and our staff against COVID-19:

- CJR's Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center (CAVEC) opened on September 1, for the 2020-21 school year and is following the State Department of Education guidelines for safe operations, per the [School Opening Plan](#) in both its Litchfield and Bristol locations. **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](mailto:jobst@cjryouth.org).**
- CJR is now in the process of transitioning many of its programs back to on-site, in-office visits, while maintaining telehealth as an option for those who wish to receive services remotely. To minimize risk, some staff members continue to operate on a work-at-home model and are using telemedicine, video and phone telecommunication systems to provide services and perform specific program functions. **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 are available in the office, by telephone or by scheduled video conferencing. Please contact Jennifer Grant for referrals by telephone: 860-601-1810; or by email: [jgrant@cjryouth.org](mailto:jgrant@cjryouth.org).
- All staff members, parents and guardians, Board Members or volunteers who come to any CJR Program site for planned appointments are required to confirm that in the last 14 days neither they nor their family members have 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](#). If there has been an exposure or travel, that person will be required to provide proof of a negative post-exposure/travel COVID-19 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.
- Anyone who is exhibiting any of the following symptoms may not enter any CJR Program site. Staff or students will be sent home: ***Fever, Cough, Sneezing or Shortness of Breath.***
- All business travel outside of normal work duties remains suspended for CJR staff 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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. *As always, parents/guardians will be apprised of any developments or issues that impact their child.***

During COVID-19, CJR will provide continuing updates on measures being taken to ensure the health and safety of students, young people and families. 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: [j Obst@cjryouth.org](mailto:j Obst@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](mailto:cjaffer@cjryouth.org); 860-567-9423, ext. 255
- **Behavioral and Mental Health Services:** Jennifer Grant, Director of Behavioral Health Services: [jgrant@cjryouth.org](mailto: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](mailto:aflamengo@cjryouth.org); 860-567-9423, ext. 271
- **Fundraising and Public Relations:** Hedy Barton, Director of Development and Public Relations: [hbarton@cjryouth.org](mailto: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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