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## A Message from the Director: FAQ Updates on COVID-19

Dear DYRS Family,

First, let me take a moment to thank all of you: everyone from DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) staff and our sister agencies to our community partners, youth and families have rallied together and swiftly responded to this public health crisis. I know that before any of us had ever heard of COVID-19, your work was challenging and mission-driven, and I appreciate your continued commitment now that we are facing this together.

Thank you to each of you for your contributions and overall efforts as we all do our part to prevent the spread of the disease, meet the needs of our youth, families, colleagues, and staff – all while navigating a difficult time in our lives. The challenges are great, but I am proud to work alongside you as we collectively chart our course through this while continuing to meet the needs of our youth and families.

One of our greatest assets at this time is our ability to communicate on a clear and consistent basis, and that's what we at DYRS will continue to do. To that end, please review the accompanying FAQs. We're hopeful that this will add to our growing knowledge, wisdom and understanding as we nimbly respond to the evolving needs during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out should additional information be desired. We'll do our best to respond in a timely fashion.

Thank you,

*Clinton Lacey*

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