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Dear Parents and HJDH Visitors:

Like all of you, we are concerned about the rapidly evolving coronavirus and the potential effects on our community, the Commonwealth and our country.

With new information added daily on local, state and national news, we feel the need, as have many other agencies, to address the concern for the well-being of the youth entrusted to our care. We take seriously the responsibility to keep our youth safe and healthy, and to make well informed decisions based on current information provided at the local and national level.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), the primary symptoms are fever, cough and/or respiratory symptoms, such as shortness of breath. Unfortunately, the symptoms may not show up until 2-14 days after exposure. The primary means of transmission from person to person is believed to be via close contact through respiratory droplets when a person coughs or sneezes. While other means of transmission through surfaces or contaminated objects may be possible, it is not believed to be the main way the virus spreads.

While there is no vaccine for the coronavirus, the best way to prevent illness to avoid exposure. Frequent handwashing and avoidance of touching one's eyes, nose or mouth is essential. Avoiding other people who are sick and unnecessary travel are additional ways to reduce possible exposure.

Therefore, in order to protect the health and well-being of the youth within the facility we ask the following from you: **If you are sick with fever, cough or respiratory symptoms or believe that you may have come in close contact with another individual who is ill, we respectfully ask that you refrain from visitation with your young person at this time.** Additionally, if you have recently traveled to, or been exposed to, an individual who has visited a high-risk area, we ask that you follow the CDC recommendations regarding self-quarantine.

In the event you are unable to attend visitation due to the aforementioned conditions, please contact us directly. We will do all within our power to make other accommodations as needed to provide you with time to visit with your young person.

We will keep you updated should things change, however at this time we are trying to maintain some degree of normalcy with a heightened awareness. We appreciate your understanding.

For additional information: <https://henrico.us/juvenile-detention/visitation/>

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