

Mid-State Special Education

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Dear Families,

As a cooperative of school districts serving students with special needs, we have been closely monitoring the news and best practices regarding the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The health and well-being of students and our specialists, who serve them, continue to be our top priority. Due to the closure of schools beginning Tuesday, March 17th, the provision of services to students will cease during the mandated closure. While this is an exceptional situation, everyone is working hard to develop and implement plans that will assist your child to continue to learn and progress, even though formal educational services will not be required or available to be provided. You can expect to be contacted by service providers who look forward to obtaining your input as well as sharing their ideas and recommendations regarding the implementation of plans while schools are closed.

At this time, we intend to continue to hold IEP meetings as planned. Parents will be provided options related to participation using video conferencing or phone. Some service providers may need to use alternative means of participation in IEP meetings, as well. If you or someone in your home is ill, please notify the school to arrange an alternate plan for participation.

Depending upon circumstances in a community we serve and/or recommendations by the county health department, I expect the situation may evolve and plans may require revision. Updates will be posted on our website at www.midstatespec.org. I thank you in advance for your concern for the health of all and for your flexibility and patience until state officials reopen schools. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the special education coordinator listed below who serves your district if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. If there is anything that I can do to assist your family or child, please contact me at 217-526-8121. We are all here to help during this unprecedented situation. I wish you continued good health and wellness.

Sincerely,

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*Everyone, in every position, at Mid-State Special Education
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