



March 17, 2020

Dear Families,

As Coronavirus and social distancing impact how people gather around the world, we've felt the challenge and disruption to our daily lives and the services your children and family members receive. Each day, we're trying to determine how best to proceed by gathering guidance from the state and federal government.

At Gateways Autism Center (GAC), the health and safety of our clients and staff is of the utmost importance. Starting Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, we have chosen to temporarily close our Center. We anticipate reopening on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, however, that may change per guidance from the CDC as well as State and Federal Government. This was a very tough decision to make, but the health of all of our families comes first. Closing the Center is the best way for us to assist our community in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

For some families, shorter, home-based ABA therapy sessions may be an option. Katelyn Copeland, Clinical Director of GAC, and all GAC clinicians will be contacting families for whom this is a possibility. In these cases, an ABA therapist would provide therapy in a family's home instead of at GAC. We understand that many families, especially those with certain health conditions or living with folks over the age of 65, may not want to participate in home services in order to reduce risk and virus spread, and we appreciate that choice.

Any change to this notice will be sent as soon as possible via e-mail. Please be on the lookout for future updates. Thank you for your understanding and for trusting Gateways Autism Center with your children's therapy needs.

Sincerely,

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