

## SKCDC EXTENDS CENTER CLOSURES

SKCDC has extended its center closures. These closures are specific to program option and location. Detailed information is below:

- **Head Start Part Day/Part Year programs:** This includes two classrooms in Gardiner, three classrooms at Webster, and one classroom at Lake Region. These classrooms will remain closed for the remainder of the program year. Families will continue to receive services remotely until their previously established closure date in May (date varies by site).
- **Head Start/Public School Partnerships:** This includes six classrooms in Monmouth, Winthrop, Windsor, Chelsea and Vassalboro. These classes will continue with remote learning/family services until the district established school year end date.
- **Full day/Full year programming:** This includes five classrooms at Magic Years, one classroom at Webster, two classrooms in Gardiner, and one classroom in S. Gardiner. These classes will continue with remote learning/family services through May 15.
- **Home Based Head Start/Early Head Start:** Families participating in our Home Based programs will continue to receive weekly remote home visits and socialization opportunities via Zoom.

Our Agency continues to operate and we are here to support you. SKCDC staff will continue connecting with families regularly by phone and meetings can also be arranged via the ZOOM video conferencing platform.

Your family's well-being is very important to us. We will continue to provide resources and learning materials to all SKCDC families.

Information on food and other community resources is being shared via our Facebook page and through our Agency communication system.

The Center Supervisor will be providing you with specific details regarding closure information for your child's class.

**For children enrolled in full day services accessing a childcare subsidy, no parent fees will be charged during this time.**

We will continue to closely monitor this evolving situation and keep you updated.

Our decisions regarding continued closure are not made lightly. We know that there is a significant impact on families in our program. The Governor's stay-at-home order, the extension of Maine's civil emergency and the guidance of public health officials guide our decision-making. We are taking this action as Mainers work together to limit the spread of COVID-19 cases in Maine.

We know that this extended closing will be a tremendous strain on families and we did not make this decision lightly. We are doing our part to minimize the impact of the Coronavirus and keep our community as healthy as possible.

For information and resources on COVID-19:

Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/>

U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Please stay healthy and safe.

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