



March 12, 2020

With the continued risk of the novel COVID-19 coronavirus and flu season, Damar is taking very seriously the responsibility of serving our vulnerable population. While we understand that things are changing daily in our communities – and the issues are complex – we are putting into place temporary restrictions beginning **Monday, March 16 at 7 am**. **As this is a constantly evolving situation, we will review these decisions in two weeks and provide additional information at that time.** *Please be assured that there have been no client/staff cases of COVID-19 identified in any of our service lines. If there is an identified case in any area – we will inform you and the public immediately.*

The restrictions are as follows:

- Client community outings will be restricted until March 31, 2020
- Visitors to Damar’s campus and children’s group homes will be restricted until March 31, 2020, with the following guidelines:
 - Parent(s)/Adult legal guardians of residential children. Those parents who do visit will be required to follow safety and sanitation protocols prior to their visit with their child. The visits will occur in our sanitized family suites. No other family members will be permitted to visit residential children at this time.
 - Should a family choose to take a child off-campus or group home, the child will not be allowed to return until after the restrictions are lifted.
- The Damar Charter Academy will also be closed beginning Monday, March 16 through their Spring Break (4/6/2020)

Providing safe and effective daily treatment and supports on our residential campus, in our schools, our ABA clinics and in the community is our highest priority.

Steps we have already implemented:

- Educating clients and staff on handwashing, avoiding crowded spaces/places and avoiding contact with others when there are flu-like symptoms present
- Providing additional sanitizing units and upgraded stations in all public zones in our schools and waiting areas
- For residential campus families: we are sanitizing family suites and vans after each use.
- For schools and ABA clinics, we are continuing to clean and sanitize each day. The schools will get our planned deep clean during spring break.

An established team of experts and leaders at Damar are meeting *daily* to stay ahead of any actions needed and will be leading our responses for the next weeks to months. We are committed to keeping you fully informed as the situation evolves.

Thank you for your continued trust in Damar and we look forward to our continued communication as we move past these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dalton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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