

March 19, 2020

Dear Tier One Essential Families and Community Partners,

As a community, we have seen a tremendous amount of changes over the last week. Things have been evolving very quickly, with new information coming to us daily, if not hourly. After a tremendous amount of discussion and soul searching, we have decided to close The Child Development Program, YWCA Learning Adventure and YWCA Here We Grow over the next week.

YWCA Learning Adventure and YWCA Here We Grow: CLOSING at end of business Friday, March 20th.

Cortland Child Development Program: CLOSING at end of business Friday, March 27th.

Rest assured, there is still a safe plan within our community to provide care for children of Tier One essential workers. SUNY Cortland Childcare Center (located on the SUNY Cortland campus) will be providing care for all infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The YWCA at 14 Clayton Ave will be providing care for up to 20 School Age children. Both are, and will continue to be, staffed by fully cleared, trained and experienced staff. Contact information for each is provided below.

School Age children: YWCA – contact Janice Meyer (607)749-0096

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers: SUNY Cortland Childcare Center – contact Stephanie Fritz or Abigail Jenney (607)753-5955

Please know that we did not make this decision lightly. As childcare providers, we are always working to make decisions that are best for the children in our care and their families. While we know that this decision is extremely difficult for the short term, we also know that long term, we need to be able to reopen our programs when things return to normal. Parents, please be assured that your children will be able to return to their original childcare programs once we are past this.

Directors from all Cortland County childcare centers will continue to be in frequent contact to stay abreast of this evolving situation, and will keep you informed of any changes. We are doing everything in our power to provide quality child care to Tier One essential parents working within the County mandates and we appreciate your cooperation.

In Solidarity,

Cortland County Child Care Centers