



Sarah A. Reed Children's Center is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our clients, their families, our staff members and the community. We are doing everything we can to help mitigate the spread of the novel Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). A rapid spread of this infectious disease means an overwhelming surge on our community's healthcare providers, medical equipment and medical facilities. To ensure that those who truly need medical care are still able to receive it, we will do our part to slow the spread of this disease.

The information listed below is an overview of the steps we have taken and the plans we have put in place in response to this health event. As we receive new information from the CDC, DOH and school districts, we will update this information. We hope you all stay healthy and safe while we, as a global community, work together to contain COVID-19.

Program-specific information is listed below. If you have further questions, please call (814)838-1954.

Acute Partial Hospitalization Program

The Sarah Reed Children's Center Acute Partial Hospitalization Program is temporarily suspending all onsite meetings. In an effort to keep you connected to the essential services our program provides, as well as to ensure continuity of care, our staff will be checking in with you to set up plans for continuity of care during the time of this closure. Individual and family sessions will be offered by your therapist via phone or internet. Your child's therapist will contact you with information regarding the specific plans that will work best for you and your family. Psychiatric evaluations, medication management and therapy services will use the telehealth service delivery that is most available to you. Families who have a child currently enrolled and need assistance can call our main number, 814-453-4309, to be connected with a member of your child's treatment team anytime Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm. If your child is experiencing a mental health crisis emergency, call 911 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department. To make a referral or for general information/questions, please call Jamie McGuire at 814-835-2864.

[In regards to education, please click here to see updated information about mandatory online instruction starting April 6th.](#)

For Mental Health Resources, Educational Enrichment Activities and more COVID-19 Resources, click here: <https://www.sarahreed.org/program-resources/>

School Based Partial Hospitalization Program

The Sarah Reed Children's Center School Based Partial Hospitalization Program is following the lead of our local school districts in response to reducing the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak and will be temporarily suspending all onsite programming for our children. In an effort to keep you connected to the essential services our program provides, as well as to ensure continuity of care, our staff will be checking in with you to set up plans for continuity of care during the time of this closure. Individual and family sessions will be offered by your therapist via phone or internet. Your child's therapist will contact you with information regarding the specific plans that will work best for you and your family. The psychiatrist will be in contact via phone or video conference on at least a monthly basis. If you would like to speak with a member of your child's treatment team or if you have questions regarding educational enrichment, please call 814-453-4309 between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm.

If your child is experiencing a mental health crisis emergency, call 911 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

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Career Alternative Education Program (CAEP)

No clients or staff attending

Emerson Gridley Campus - S.E.L.F., S.B.L.P., B.A.E.P.

No clients or staff attending

Outpatient Therapy and Mobile Therapy

No school therapy sessions. Therapists are conducting sessions via telehealth

Visitor access to the Professional Building Programs is being limited to essential personnel only.

Staff will continue to follow the prevention, detection and reporting guidelines listed in the Residential Treatment Facility section of this document when working at the Professional building.

Residential Treatment Facility Campus

Includes Medical Department and Administrative Building

Prevention

Nursing staff and management teams have completed training sessions for staff and clients in our Residential Treatment Facility Units and our Residential School Program.

Appropriate information and signage from the CDC and DOH has been posted throughout our facilities and made available to our staff, clients and visitors.

Handwashing is encouraged through signage and wellness training with the clients. Hand sanitizer will be offered to clients with the help of their supervising behavior counselor or clinical care staff.

Training and reminders are provided to staff regarding the importance of the use of proper Personal Protection Equipment while performing laundry or cleaning duties.

Sanitization regimens are in place for our Residential units and proof of follow-through must be given to the Director of Residential Services to ensure timely and proper practices.

Off-grounds visitation is suspended until further notice as safeguard to slow the spread of COVID-19.

All staff and visitors entering onto campus must have their temperature taken by a nursing staff member and show no signs of illness. Staff who are symptomatic or who have probably exposure to the virus will be sent home.

The food service vendor has reviewed health protocol with food service staff in order to ensure best practices.

The directors of nursing and facilities will continue to assess the need for and provide additional medical and cleaning supplies required to manage the health event.

All non-essential trips off the Residential Campus will be cancelled.

Detection

Additional thermometers will be supplied to make them accessible to more supervisors and direct care staff to help identify children, staff members or visitors who may be sick.

Staff, clients and visitors are required to visit the medical department prior to entering the building to have their temperature taken and to ensure that they are not showing signs of illness.

Flu Swabs and strep cultures will be administered to every child who has a temperature over 100 degrees.

Symptomatic clients, staff and visitors:

Anyone who is symptomatic must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as available and appropriate.

Staff have been advised to stay home and use sick time if they are symptomatic.

Staff who are symptomatic at work will be sent home and referred to their PCP.

Visits and Home Passes: In the interest of public safety and the safety of our residents and staff, all visitation has been suspended. This restriction will be lifted after it has been determined that the public health crisis has past.

In the event of a pandemic, our quarantine and staff isolation protocols will be established.

Reporting:

Incidents of staff and client infections will be reported to CDC and/or DOH as mandated.

Our team at Sarah A. Reed Children's Center is committed to responding in a timely manner as information changes and is made available to us. For updates on our COVID-19 action plans, please keep checking back on our website www.sarahreed.org