



January 12, 2020

Dear Neil Hellman School Families:

As the number of COVID-19 cases continue to remain steady, the NHS administrative team has made the difficult decision to continue to have all Day Treatment and Day Education students attend school remotely through January 22, 2021. We made this decision out of an abundance of caution in an effort to help keep our students and staff safe and to reduce everyone's chance of exposure. At this point we anticipate returning to in-person learning on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Please let your child's teacher know if your child does NOT have a device they can use to connect to Google Classroom. Your child will use the same log-in information they have been using at school. If they do not have a device, we will either deliver or mail a packet of work for them to complete at home during this period. If you wish, you may contact the CSE Chair at your local school district to see if they are able provide a device for your child. Your child's social worker will continue to offer your child tele mental health services.

Health and safety procedures continue and include cleaning and sanitizing nightly. We will continue with these procedures, and will continue to follow all required COVID-19 precautions (temperature screening for students and staff, wearing masks, hand hygiene, social distancing of 6 feet or more, and other precautions). As it has been from day one of this crisis, safety is our foremost concern, and we continue to do everything in our power to protect our clients, staff, and community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

| For clinical questions | For distance learning questions | For health-related questions |
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