

March 27, 2020

Dear Easterseals Families,

These last couple of weeks have not been easy and I hope that this email finds you and your family safe and well. As information surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) has evolved, and new mandates have been put into effect, Easterseals Southern California will continue to suspend its face-to-face Autism Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies, and our In-Home ABA and Social Skills Services. We have launched telehealth or video conferencing for most of these service areas and will launch social skills and 1:1 ABA interventions next week.

Many of our families have taken advantage of these video conferencing services and are reporting positive experiences. If you have not heard from your clinical or administrative support staff or scheduler to set up services, please contact one of them, as soon as possible. Based on information from State and County Authorities, it is possible that these office closures and the practicing of social distancing could remain in effect for several months. We are here to support your family and will return to business-usual as soon possible but in the meantime, we will all need to adjust to this different way of providing and receiving services.

If there are any circumstances that are keeping you from using a telehealth service, please let us know so we can assist.

For more information, please contact your therapist or clinical supervisor or visit our website at https://www.easterseals.com/southerncal/. Please also be on the lookout for a video message from me on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Paula Pompa-Craven, Psy.D. Chief Clinical Officer Easterseals Autism Services