



March 13, 2020

Dear Easterseals Social Skills Families,

In these uncertain times, I wanted to reach out to you personally about what we are doing at Easterseals in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). As information surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are closely monitoring state and local guidelines to focus on the safety of both our associates and participants all while trying to continue to provide a high level of service.

The California Department of Public Health has indicated that “small gatherings that do not allow for social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or cancelled.” Because our Social Skills Groups fit into this category, we have decided to cancel sessions beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but please be assured that we are moving swiftly to gather information, plan, and respond to the quickly changing environment. We will work hard to stay on top of things and to communicate to all families the status of the groups before March 30<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact your Social Skills Manager or Lead.

Also, the California Department of Public Health has state guidance on how to prepare and protect community members from COVID-19 at the following link:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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