



March 19, 2020

Dearest George Mark Families,

The health of your child and your family is foremost in our thoughts as we collectively navigate this new environment in which we all live.

Please know that George Mark Children's House remains open and ready to accept any and all End of Life referrals.

We recognize that while our Respite services are suspended until April 7th, that our personal care of your child at George Mark has created a gap or eliminated a break that you would otherwise relied upon. It is with tremendous regret that we have been required to curtail that aspect of our care and services. We are committed to resuming Respite services at George Mark as soon as we are allowed to do so. If you would like to schedule future respite stays after April 7th, please contact Kathy Lee, Case Manager at 510-346-1285 or email her at Klee@georgemark.org. In the meantime, our nursing and psychosocial staff remain on call should you need their assistance: Salina Patel, Director of Nursing, Spatel@georgemark.org., Amanda Hedrick, Social Worker, Ahedrick@georgemark.org and Kyle Amsler, Child Life Coordinator, Kamsler@georgemark.org.

This virus reminds us that we are all in this together and together we will get through this.

Some new up-to-date links for your information:

One-Stop COVID-19 Website

California has launched [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov), a comprehensive website dedicated to the coronavirus disease. The website outlines critical steps people can take to stay healthy and provides resources for Californians impacted by the pandemic, including paid sick leave and unemployment assistance.

Additional resources include:

- [Johns Hopkins University Medical Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
- [Johns HopkinsCovid-19 daily Briefing site](#)
- [The East Bay Agency for Children](#)

Our heart is with you in this challenging time.

Warm regards,

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