MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Head Start Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Head Start Agency Requirements During COVID-19 Closures

The governor has ordered the closure of all schools in the state as of Monday, March 16, 2020. The expected re-opening date is Monday, April 6, 2020.

In response to COVID-19, the federal Office of Head Start is advising Head Start grantees to coordinate with local health authorities and implement their existing policies and procedures related to closure of Head Start and Early Head Start centers during infectious disease outbreaks. Closure of centers in areas heavily impacted by COVID-19 is an important element of containing and limiting its spread.

While many Head Start and Early Head Start programs are following the lead of local school districts, most Michigan's Head Start programs are not administered by school districts/ISDs; therefore, it is important to communicate with Head Start leadership in your area. You can find your local Head Start program via the following link https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator.

Please review the Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center, Office of Head Start link periodically for further updates at https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/physical-health/article/coronavirus-prevention-response.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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