



March 12, 2020

Dear OHuddle Mentors,

In keeping with Governor DeWine's [mandate](#) that schools close for the next three weeks, **OHuddle will cease in-person mentorship service effective immediately.**

OHuddle is crafting a plan to ensure that we continue to be responsive to our mentee's needs during this change of routine. Our Site Coordinators are prepared to find creative solutions to keep students supported in this season. **If you would like to continue to be in contact with your student over the next several weeks, please consider the following:**

- Creating a video of yourself and texting it to your Site Coordinator to share with your student
- An email written to your student and sent to your Site Coordinator
- A letter mailed to PO Box 1296 Wooster OH 44691 (please feel free to send as many as you like)

Our OHuddle staff plans to continue to work remotely by contacting students via phone and; as permitted by unfolding CDC guidance, completing home visits during the break. We are creating programming and asset-based opportunities to foster structured time from home. We are motivated to ensure that our mentees have access to established community systems related to food security and other resources.

OHuddle is fortunate to have two excellent physicians serving on our Board of Directors. Dr. Shellie Russell and Dr. Melissa Burgett partnered with our team to consult regarding our plan. They urge the following moving forward:

Either in correspondence or once services resume, please remember to remain calm and reassuring when talking about COVID-19 with your student. [Here](#) is a link for an excellent resource about using developmentally appropriate language to inform students about this issue.

We will be in touch with next steps as the community and organizational plan evolves. Some schools are resuming service April 3rd and others plan to resume April 13th. You will hear directly from your Site Coordinator to schedule your resumed mentorship service. Thank you for supporting our youth and thanks in advance for the intentional steps that you will make moving forward to keep our huddle healthy. Life is a journey. Wash your hands.

Yours in Service,

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