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Monday, June 29, 2020

Dear H2O Families,

We hope you have been staying well and are enjoying summer! In cooperation with the State of Illinois' Restore Illinois Plan, Heart Haven Outreach (H<sub>2</sub>O) has made the appropriate changes to operations in accordance to Phase 4-Recovery. We are monitoring the progress as we move through these phases and we are prepared to adjust our operations plan if needed.

Below are the details for specific areas of interest:

- **Weekly Support Programs (Real Life Support Groups, Good Clean Fun, Going Deeper)** – These programs will be open to a maximum of 40 students per day and split into smaller groups of no more than 9 students per group. These programs will be designed to take place outdoors as much as possible. Students must sign up before program, no drop-ins allowed. Teens can sign up for programs at [www.HeartHavenOutreach.org/Teens](http://www.HeartHavenOutreach.org/Teens) or by calling 630-226-8403. We will continue to offer a Zoom option during our Tuesday night support groups for students unable to join in-person.
- **Transportation** – we will provide transportation to and from our programs and mentoring sessions. Transportation availability will be extremely limited with our need to stagger students in rows. Transportation will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are able to provide your own transportation, please do so to allow for those in need of H<sub>2</sub>O's transportation to be able to attend.
- **1to1 and small groups mentoring** – we will continue to offer 1to1 and small group mentoring in-person, by appointment scheduled between the mentor and student. These will mostly take place in outdoor settings, weather permitting. Small group mentoring will be no more than 9 students. We will continue to offer digital mentoring sessions during this time for students unable to join in-person.
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank Meals** – we will continue to partner with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide food for H<sub>2</sub>O students. Beginning July 6, we will discontinue our shelf-stable food drop offs at home. Going forward, before each of our in-person programs, we will be providing an individually boxed meal for all program participants. If you are in need of groceries, please let us know and we can share information about local food pantries.

Safety protocols being put in place:

- Regular cleaning and disinfection of vans and facilities will take place throughout the day.
- Employee wellness checks will be conducted each day.
- Participant wellness checks will be conducted before entering the van or the building for each program.
- Seating will be staggered in vans to allow for safe distance, 1 student per row (or 2 per row if living in the same household).
- Masks will be required at all times inside the building and in the vans.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be stationed strategically throughout the building and vans.
- Drinking fountains inside the building will be turned off. Participants are allowed to bring in their own water bottle if desired and refilling will be available in the kitchen.
- Indoor spaces being used for programs will be set up to allow for proper social distancing.

Included with this letter you will find a calendar for our July programs. In our last mailing we sent out a permission slip that we asked to be completed and turned in before your child starts attending any in-person programs again this summer. If you didn't receive this letter, or would like another permission slip, please reach out to us at 630-226-8403 or by email at [info@hearthavenoutreach.org](mailto:info@hearthavenoutreach.org).