

BORNHAVA

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Dear Caregiver/Parent:

I hope all of you are finding ways to stay cool and healthy in this heat wave that we are experiencing. The first week of the 6 week summer program is coming to an end. I want to thank all of you for working with the teachers and therapists to schedule remote learning and tele-therapies with our little ones. We know your time is valuable and appreciate your commitment to collaborating with us. Please keep sharing your videos and pictures with your teams. Seeing our children's smiling faces and watching them grow keeps us motivated and makes our days brighter!

The Reopening Committee subgroups have had several productive meetings this week. We are taking the results of the surveys that were completed by caregivers and staff to help us determine what needs to be in place for all of us to feel comfortable reopening. At the same time, we are reviewing the regulations and guidance to make sure we are following the mandates from the NYS Education Department, the Office of Child and Family Services as well as local authorities. That being said, please be on the lookout for another caregiver survey related to reopening in September for those children that are returning to Bornhava. While many of the questions will be the same, others have been identified.

Erie County hosted a meeting with preschool agencies yesterday (7/9/2020). We were told that, at this time, bus transportation will be extremely challenging and anticipated to be VERY limited in September. The County has asked us to tell you that you need to plan on transporting your child to and from school. Transportation can be provided by a caregiver or family member, with the County reimbursing the family. Please take time to think about this and identify who might be able to drive your child to and from Bornhava. If it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for your family to transport your child, please contact us at: 839-1655 ext. 301, and we will work with you to see if any other options are available.

As you have likely heard on the news, the Governor's Education Task Force and State Education Department are expected to release more guidance in the next few weeks on reopening schools. We are eagerly awaiting this guidance to see the impact that it will have on Bornhava. We have quite a bit of brainstorming and work ahead of us to put all of the safeguards in place. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail: dringholz@bornhava.org or via phone: 839-1655 ext. 302.

Stay healthy,



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