

BORNHAVA

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Dear Caregivers/Parents:

Much of Erie County continues to be in the Yellow Zone for COVID-19 infection rates. Several other agencies in Erie County have decided to move to fully remote for all services beginning next week, because they have school-aged programs and are determining how they will test 20% of their students and staff. As we mentioned in the last letter, Bornhava does not have a school age program, so we are not obligated to the testing mandate at this time. We have been notified by Erie County that any home and community based services (related services, special instruction, special education itinerant services) being completed face to face must move to at least 50% in-person and 50% virtual. Evaluations must also move to fully remote once again. We are working diligently to comply with this new guidance from Erie County which must begin on Monday, November 16, 2020.

Bornhava is committed to keeping our integrated, center-based and early intervention classrooms open as long as possible. Our hope is that we move out of the Yellow Zone and the current restrictions are lifted. We are monitoring the situation very closely and waiting for specific guidance from our regulating agencies. If we move into an Orange or Red Zone, we will be mandated to move to fully remote services. If you have not sent in your consent for remote services and tele-therapy, please do so as soon as possible, to make that transition as smooth as possible, should that happen.

Please see the link to the Caregiver Technology survey which was sent out. Completing this survey will make it much easier for Bornhava to assist you and your child with moving to a virtual model of education.

<https://forms.gle/5A3aaUkL9QS8uxdX7>

While we are committed to keeping our doors open for in-person services, we are also committed to making sure we follow all of the protocols and mandates to control the spread of this virus. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to manage the ongoing pandemic. Please feel free to contact me directly, if you have any questions or concerns: 839-1655 ext. 302 (office) or 445-9966 (cell).

Stay healthy,



Donna M. Ringholz
Executive Director