



Update on the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

NOTICE: The Public Health Emergency is now in effect through April 24; school and government reopen on April 27.

What is our operating status?

Our agency remains open. However, we have made changes to how services are being provided.

How does this impact what we do?

- **Community programming for youth** - modified service. Education programming and group meetings for DYRS committed and previously committed youth in the community will be suspended during March 17-31, 2020. Some support services will be offered during this time.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- **450 Achievement Center (at 450 H Street NW)** - modified hours: Monday-Friday, Monday, March 16- Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.
- **MLK Achievement Center (at 2101 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE)** - modified hours: Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday, Monday, March 16- Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Services Center** - will remain open but in-person visitation and vendors visits will be suspended until further notice. Legal visits will be allowed. That includes visits from attorneys and their teams, (i.e. caseworkers, paralegals, investigators, etc.).
- **New Beginnings Youth Development Center** - will remain open but in-person visitation and vendors will be suspended until further notice. Legal visits will be allowed. That includes visits from attorneys and their teams, (i.e. caseworkers, paralegals, investigators, etc.).

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- **Services for Youth in the Community** - Staff from the Achievement Center, Care Coordination team and Credible Messengers will staff the Achievement Centers for drop-in services for committed and previously committed youth, including information about local clinics and COVID-19 testing locations and mental health support.
- **Meals for Youth** - Meals will be provided for committed and previously committed youth at the Achievement Centers from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm.

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-299-5362 or email dys@dc.gov. For more information, please visit www.coronavirus.dc.gov.