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Coronavirus – COVID 19 Update 3/13/20

As you may be aware, state officials have announced that there are known exposures of Coronavirus, or COVID-19, in the State of Delaware. While these individuals are affiliated with the University of Delaware, they have no direct connection to the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC).

The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC), together with our state partner, the Office of Early Learning, continues to monitor the potential impact of COVID-19 on our work. Out of an abundance of caution, effective immediately, the DIEEC will not be holding in-person activities.

This includes:

- o DIEEC Professional Development Training and Coaching
- o Delaware Stars Technical Assistance
- o Delaware Stars Verification & Assessment
- o Delaware Stars Trainings
- o All DIEEC Events

These activities will be rescheduled virtually, postponed, or canceled. Other options for interacting with DIEEC staff will still be available, such as phone, email, text, Facetime, and Zoom. We will continue to provide updates on how you can access our services and supports as new information becomes available. Our goal is to continue to support the vital work of caring for and educating Delaware's youngest learners. The safety of your staff and of our child care professionals, families and children are our priority.

We are following the recommendations from the Delaware Department of Public Health <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/2019novelcoronavirus.html> and the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>.

To get the most current and reliable information from the University visit: udel.edu/coronavirus.

We appreciate your support as this unprecedented situation continues to unfold. We realize you may have questions. Please bring your questions and concerns to Veronica Commodore (vcomm@udel.edu), Director of Professional Development or Kristy Sheffler (sheffler@udel.edu), Director of Delaware Stars. If you would like to receive continued updates, please add your name to the REACH distribution list ([insert REACH link](#)).