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Hi!

My name is Julie Collinsworth and I am the new Executive Director at the Wyoming Fine Arts Center. I am looking forward to meeting you and your family over the next few months. Please feel free to stop by my office and say hello.

As you know, the community is implementing protocols around the COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus). We are following suit.

This week, there have been three cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Cuyahoga County in northeast Ohio. Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency, calling the step a legal necessity that allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response. Area universities are suspending in class lectures until April 13.

At this time, **The Wyoming Fine Arts Center is following the protocols of the day-to-day activities at the Wyoming City School District.** For now, we are continuing as planned. If you do not hear from me directly and the School District has released a statement, please know that we are following their direction.

The District is working closely with the Ohio Department of Health in monitoring the status of the virus and we are continuing to follow the guidance from ODH, the Hamilton County Public Health Department (HCPHD), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Over the last week, I have asked our faculty to think about how we can best support our students in the event of a closure. I do not expect to close the facility, but I feel it is important that we have an emergency policy in place.

Our best approach is to have virtual lessons over a video conference platform. There are many free options available. Some that I recommend include: Google Hangouts, Skype, and Zoom.

I realize that this may not be an option for all classes. I am happy to work with you and the faculty individually to provide options for a remote approach if we need to implement that protocol. If you do not think this process will work for you, please let me know. If you or a family member has been quarantined, we are happy to continue your lessons virtually.

Please have students wash their hands prior to receiving a lesson. Each room has hand sanitizer readily available, but if more is needed, please let Cathy or I know.

Should the Center need to close, we will give you and the faculty as much notice as possible.

According to the CDC, the best prevention steps for COVID-19 and any other virus, such as a cold or flu, continue to be:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Use your upper sleeve if a tissue is not available.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
5. Stay home when you are sick.
6. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

The health and well-being of our students and our staff is always our primary focus and we are committed to communicating with you throughout this health concern. I will send additional updates as the situation develops. More information about COVID-19, details about the School District's response and additional resources can be found on the [District Updates: COVID-19](#) section of the district website.

As I turn my thoughts to the coming days, I want to assure you that I will continue a measured and thoughtful approach to this situation. Thank you for your engagement, your trust, and your patience while we navigate this new terrain together.

Looking forward,

Julie

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