



COMMUNITY COUNSELING AND PLAY THERAPY CENTERS
14201 South Mur-Len Road
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Dear valued community member:

As you are likely aware, a number of counties in [Kansas](#) and [Missouri](#) are currently under a stay at home order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus) in our community. This order certainly impacts the Community Counseling and Play Therapy Centers, which are located in Johnson County and operate in collaboration with MidAmerica Nazarene University. This letter is intended to provide you with a brief update.

We understand there is a significant degree of concern, uncertainty, and anxiety in our community with regard to COVID-19. Please know the safety and wellbeing of our clients, counseling interns, and staff members are our highest priorities. We are therefore taking all appropriate measures and following directives from the CDC, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and MidAmerica Nazarene University to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

As a result, many difficult decisions have been made impacting the operations of our Community Counseling and Play Therapy Centers. Among them is the difficult decision to suspend all in-person services until further notice to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of everyone. In order to support the needs of our clients, we are now providing telehealth or distance (including video conference or telephone) services through the Community Counseling Center.

The operations at the Play Therapy Center are also impacted by this difficult decision. We are suspending all in-person services until further notice to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Due to the interactive and specialized nature of play therapy, we unfortunately cannot provide an effective alternative via telehealth or distance services. However, our counselor-interns will now be providing brief consultation to parents as needed and appropriate.

We understand there will be challenges related to this difficult decision and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or distress it may cause you. Thank you for your grace and understanding. Please know we are thinking carefully about ways to return to in-person services and will share those plans with you as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience as we seek to do what is in the best interest of everyone and to honor our human need for community.

It is our sincere hope that you and yours remain healthy. Here at the Community Counseling and Play Therapy Centers, we are firmly committed to promoting wellness and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We invite you to join us in this mission during an unprecedented time in living history. As we navigate these challenges together into the future, here are actions that you may take to ensure we all stay as healthy as possible:

- Stay informed:
 - [Kansas COVID-19 information](#)
 - [Missouri COVID-19 information](#)
 - [CDC COVID-19 information](#)
- Practice daily preventative care:
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
 - Stay home if you are sick.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, and school.
 - Practice healthy habits: Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.
 - If you have not received your annual flu shot, please schedule one with your provider to help protect yourself against the flu.
 - Do not smoke or use e-cigarettes.
- Remain calm:
 - While the progression of COVID-19 is still emerging, the CDC is reporting that for the general American public, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low.

We will continue to provide you with updates about the Community Counseling and Play Therapy Centers as we have them. Please feel free to contact our administrative office at (913) 971-3733 should you have any questions or comments. We will also post updates to the [Health and Safety Alert](#) section of the MidAmerica Nazarene University website.

Take good care and be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Vogel, Ph.D.", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Michael Vogel

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