Early & Midlevel Practicum Experiences and Coronavirus (COVID-19) Notice to Spring 2020 PDS Schools, PSU Faculty, and Supervisors
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The Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation continues to work closely with our Professional Development Schools Advisory Board, state and federal agencies to monitor the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

Based on recommendations from PSU’s PDS Advisory and their School Boards the Holmes Center is postponing early and mid-level experiences until Wed April 1, 2020, to insure students returning from spring break do not present an unintended health risk to children, youth and faculty in our PreK-12 public schools. Early and Mid-level Practicum Experiences include any visitation by PSU students to a PreK-12 school in New Hampshire with the exception of current student teaching interns.

As Early and Mid-level Practicum Experiences are facilitated and overseen by faculty host schools and teachers should expect to be contacted by your PSU faculty program coordinator to make alternative arrangements. If you wish guidance or support during this process please contact Brian Walker, Coordinator of Clinical Experiences in the Holmes Center. bfwalker@psu.edu If additional guidance is required the Holmes Center will communicate that guidance prior to April 1, 2020.

The New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) has distributed a Special Update on the Coronavirus (links below). These documents are provided by the National School Boards Association and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services as school boards respond to needs in their communities.

NSBA: COVID 19 Preparing for Widespread Illness in Your School Community

NH DHHS Health Alert

NH DHHS: COVID 19 Information for Schools

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