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Consistent with the directive from Maryland Governor Lawrence Hogan and Maryland State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon and communication from the Office of Head Start, Garrett County Head Start and Early Head Start center-based services will be closed from Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th in response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. During this time centers and classrooms will go through deep cleaning and sanitizing processes.

According to The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, children appear to be much less affected by COVID-19, which was also seen after other coronavirus outbreaks. Children with pre-existing illnesses may have different risk, so you should discuss this with your child's medical team.

The Garrett County Community Action Child and Family Development Staff will be monitoring all program participants, at minimum, by phone with the possibility of home visits targeted at child development and family health and economic security. For assistance during this time please reach out to your Family Service Coordinator or call (301) 334-9431.

Head Start and Early Head Start Sites Impacted by the Closure:

- Accident Head Start
- Friendsville PreK/Head Start
- Sunny Days Child Care Partnership Head Start and Early Head Start
- Grantsville PreK/Head Start
- Grantsville Early Learning Center
- Kitzmiller Head Start
- Overlook Child Development Center
- Dennett Road Early Learning Center