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We are honored that you have chosen Meridian to partner with your family in the well-being of your child. We want you to know just how much it means to us that you put your trust in Meridian.

As your partner with your child's school, we want to talk to you about a serious topic; the rapidly growing spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. This disease has forced the closure of many schools including your child's school. As a result, many school children are at home right now, with some able to keep up with their studies remotely, while others are surely losing educational ground.

But missing school can mean more than lost instructional time; it can also deprive your child of needed healthcare such as counseling. We want you to know that we can still help support the well-being of your child during this time through outpatient counseling and psychiatric services at one of Meridian's offices or from your home through Telehealth.

Telehealth is a convenient and confidential way to access needed services through a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Meridian uses secure connections to protect your privacy during a telehealth session. For more information about Telehealth visit [mbhci.org/telehealth](http://mbhci.org/telehealth)

If you would like to schedule services for your children or any member of your family during this healthcare crisis, please call your Meridian provider or our Access to Care line at 352-374-5600, press option 2, then option 1. If you or your child is not a current client of Meridian you are able to access services for them by calling the number listed. Meridian is also open and available to all community members' behavioral healthcare needs.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit the [CDC.gov/COVID19](http://CDC.gov/COVID19)

Thank you again for putting your trust in Meridian and we will always be here for you and your family.

Sincerely,

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