

Dear MVCDC Families,

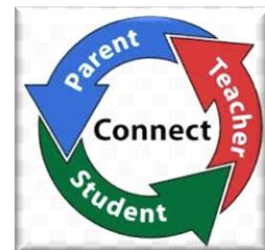
We have ZERO new COVID-19 cases to report this week!

Go to <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> for information about the COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots, and other great resources. Click [HERE](#) to find a vaccine provider near you. Click [HERE](#) for information about **Dayton Children's COVID-19 vaccination clinics**.



Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. MVCDC must ensure that all enrolled children attend a minimum of 90% of their scheduled days. To ensure child safety, if a child is unexpectedly absent and the parent has not contacted the center within one hour of the start time, MVCDC will contact the parent by phone or home visit to ensure the child's well-being.

Preschool through 1st grade establishes the foundation for relationship building and lifelong learning. Help your child gain comfort, self-confidence, and delight in these milestone events.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- ✓ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- ✓ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- ✓ Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- ✓ Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- ✓ Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- ✓ If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, family support specialists, and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- ✓ If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

Returning to Normal Medicaid Operations Since March 2020, states/counties were prohibited from terminating Medicaid eligibility unless the Medicaid recipient moved out of state, died or requested to be disenrolled. **Continuous coverage exemptions will expire March 31, 2023.** Ohio will resume normal Medicaid eligibility and enrollment operations on April 1. This means that the Montgomery County Family Assistance Division will begin conducting full eligibility redeterminations, including disenrolling individuals who no longer meet eligibility criteria. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENT ENDING— In 2020, the Federal Government temporarily increased SNAP benefits to include emergency allotments because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This means SNAP recipients have been getting more benefits than their standard allotment each month. Due to a federal law change, **the last emergency allotment will be loaded to EBT cards in February 2023.** SNAP benefit amounts will return to normal in March 2023. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Montgomery County's Family Assistance Division do not have any control over this change.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Black History Month, celebrated in February each year, is a time to recognize the central role African Americans have played in U.S. history, and to recognize and celebrate the impact of Black leaders, from Civil Rights icons to individuals in our own communities. We have included a few links to events scheduled throughout the month. Be sure to check your local library and news sources for additional information and events.

BlackHistoryMonth.gov Dayton.com [Dayton Daily News](http://DaytonDailyNews.com)
[DaytonMetroLibrary](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.com)

The Montgomery County Clerk of Courts: *Connecting with the Community* has an event scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 from 6 to 7 pm. The information they provide seeks to help those who are navigating Montgomery County’s justice system. The event will be held at the Montgomery County Employment Opportunity Center, located in Westown, 4303 W. Third Street, Dayton, 45417. Below is a list of community outreach events the Clerk of Courts has scheduled for the month of February.

Feb 13	9:30-10:30 am	Greater Dayton Recreation Center 2021 W. Third St., Dayton 45417
Feb 15	11:30 am-12:30 pm	With God’s Grace Mobile Food Pantry 622 Springfield St., Dayton 45403
Feb 16	8:30-9:30 am	YMCA South 4545 Marshall Rd., Kettering 45429
Feb 17	10-11:30 am	East End Community Services 624 Xenia Ave., Dayton 45410
Feb 20	9:30-10:30 am	Kettering Municipal Court 2325 Wilmington Pike, Kettering 45420
Feb 20	10 am-12 pm	DeSoto Bass 1031 Hughes Pl., Dayton 45417
Feb 24	9:30-11 am	Eastway 600 Wayne Ave., Dayton 45410
Feb 28	10-11 am	YMCA Trotwood 506 E. Main St., Trotwood 45426

UPCOMING EVENTS

Construction Job Fair click HERE for registration info	Feb 15	12-4 p.m.	Sinclair Conference Center Bldg 12 444 W. Third St. Dayton
Kings Highway – 2Gen Family Engagement Financial Literacy MORE INFO	Feb 16	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Kings Highway Gym 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton
Town & Country Parent Committee Meeting	Feb 16	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Town & Country 2430 Van Buren Avenue, Springfield
Kings Highway – 2Gen Family Engagement Financial Literacy MORE INFO	Mar 23	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Kings Highway Gym 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton

If you have a friend or neighbor looking for quality preschool, please let them know about our Head Start or Early Head Start programs. Applicants can call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org. Click [HERE](#) for enrollment information.

MVDC is still looking for DIFFERENCE MAKERS! If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with children and families, consider joining our team. A complete listing of open positions is available on our website www.mvcdc.org.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,

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