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Monthly News & Updates

**A Message from our President/CEO about COVID-19
ABCD is here for the most vulnerable**

During these unprecedented times, it is important that we stand together as a community. As we all navigate through uncertainty with the escalating threat of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the stay-at-home advisory in Massachusetts, ABCD continues to fulfill our commitment to serve those most in need in a way that can help protect the health and safety of our clients and staff.

In coordination with the suggestion to practice social distancing, ABCD has temporarily closed all of our neighborhood service centers as well as all Head Start & Early Head Start locations as of Wednesday, March 18th. We will continue to provide parents, who need assistance, with food for their children.

Continuing to honor our mission to protect the most vulnerable people amongst us, we have made the decision to limit staff and client contact to emergency supports and reduced services only. We understand this is a very difficult time for our entire community, but we will make sure any emergency services our clients need from us will be available to them. If you need help, ABCD is here for you.

You can help ABCD continue to serve by [making a donation today](#) to ensure we can continue to help those who need access to resources. Your support and partnership with ABCD is important to our entire community.



Sincerely,

John J. Drew
President/CEO

ABCD for the community

ABCD staff are available by phone and/or email ONLY to provide emergency and other limited services and ensure that we meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community during this public health crisis. Our priority is to ensure both our staff and clients stay safe and healthy during this difficult and quickly evolving time. Additionally, we have closed all neighborhood centers to walk-in traffic and in-person meetings. See below for a list of available services.

List of services available by phone and email

If people are in need of help, they can contact the following programs and services for assistance. We will be regularly updating the bostonabcd.org website with more information.

Food Pantries: 617.348.6559 | staff_communitycoordination@bostonabcd.org

Community Coordination: 617.348.6559 |
staff_communitycoordination@bosotnabcd.org

Neighborhood Service Centers: Six ABCD neighborhood centers will take phone calls from clients in need of emergency assistance:

- **Allston/Brighton:** 617.903.3640
- **East Boston:** 617.567.8857
- **Mattapan:** 617.298.2045
- **Mystic Valley (Malden, Medford, Everett):** 781.321.2501
- **Parker Hill/Fenway:** 617.445.6000
- **Roxbury/North Dorchester:** 617.442.5900

Fuel Assistance: Residents of Boston, Brookline or Newton: 617-348-6599
Residents of Malden, Medford, Everett, Winchester, Melrose, Woburn or Stoneham: 617-519-4317

Head Start & Children's Services: 617.348.6272 | headstart@bostonabcd.org
Note: ABCD Head Start Centers will be closed through April 6, 2020

Child Care Choices of Boston: 617-542-5437 | childcarechoicesofboston@bostonabcd.org

Tax Assistance: 617.348.6559 | staff_communitycoordination@bostonabcd.org

SummerWorks: 617.348.6548 | summerworksinfo@bostonabcd.org

GENERAL INFORMATION: 617.348.6000 | info@bostonabcd.org

Click below to see a complete list of available services. We will continue to update information daily.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Useful Links

If you need more general information or access to city or state information, please visit the links below.

- **City of Boston** | www.boston.gov
- **Boston 3-1-1** | www.cityofboston.gov/311
- **Boston Public Health Commission** | www.bphc.org
- **State of Massachusetts** | www.mass.gov
- **MA 2-1-1** | mass211.org
- **MA Dept. of Public Health** | www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health

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