The COVID-19 (coronavirus) is a serious issue that is impacting our lives, and will likely continue to do so, in the near future. The uncertainty of transmission of COVID-19, as well as means of treatment and containment, are a concern to all of us and something we will monitor in order to be more fully informed.

Gateway is working closely with federal, state and local agencies and health organizations to better understand the issues related to this virus and will follow all instructions and appropriate health and safety protocols as directed by these entities to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our individuals, families and employees.

We might be directed to close our offices, child care centers and outreach sites to comply with social distancing health directives.

In the event of directed closures, Gateway will, as much as possible, mitigate disruption of services by providing employees with remote access to agency work site resources so that education, health and social services, as well as administrative support, can be accessed.

I will serve as one of the agency’s points of contacts should a closure be required. Additionally, if you have questions or need to contact Gateway, I would also direct you to Executive Vice President Edward Bethea, CCAP, Head Start Vice President Bonnie Eggenburg, CCAP, or Vice President/Planning Michael Cudemo, CCAP for additional information or updates.

We hope and pray for swift and full recovery for those already affected and for resolution to and relief from the issue. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused by a potential disruption of services, but we are aware compliance with all health directives is essential to combat the spread of COVID-19.