

COVID-19 Update: Friday, March 13, 2020

- Effective Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 3rd, all BBBS-facilitated programs will be cancelled. This includes the following:
 - All workplace mentoring programs at J. J. Keller, Kimberly-Clark, U.S. Venture, 4Imprint, Waupaca Foundry;
 - School Buddies programs at Wilson Elementary, Chilton Schools, Appleton East High School, and Menasha Afterschool Program
- We encourage site-based volunteers to stay abreast of their Little's school policies on visitors during this time. As we receive formal notice that a school district has either banned outside visitors or temporarily cancelled classes, we will keep volunteers and families updated.
- We encourage community-based matches to communicate with each other and make the decisions that are in their best interest. If matches do choose to get together in person, we highly encourage them to not meet in public places where large crowds can gather. The focus is on being in a group no larger than 10 people to minimize the virus spread.
- We encourage ALL matches to communicate with the Little's parent/guardian and find agreed upon ways to stay in touch. Some ideas include writing letters, writing emails, and/or calling on the phone.
- We WILL continue to do enrollments as scheduled but take place either via video chat (see note below re Go To Connect), Facetime, or via phone.
- For matches with make-match meetings scheduled or coming up, we will individually consult with the volunteer and parents of the match to identify a plan for moving forward.
- We will be cancelling attendance at all community-based events through the end of March (i.e. public markets, volunteer fairs, etc.). We will revisit April events at the end of next week.
- We will be proactively rescheduling the community Bowl for Kids' Sake events—they will still be held most likely in May. Continue to sign up and get excited for!
- BBBS staff will be working remotely and available via email and phone during business hours. We know this is an uncertain time and many of us are caught off guard by how quickly this situation escalated. Please let us know how we can continue to support you.