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Parents / Family Members
Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center Residents

Dear Parents and Family Members,

As you are aware, the COVID 19 virus is spreading rapidly across the state. I am pleased to report that all Bon Air residents remain well at this time. I am writing; however, to advise you that we have been informed that a Bon Air based staff member has tested positive for the COVID 19 virus. The employee has not been on site since last Thursday and did not exhibit any symptoms until Saturday. The employee did not have close contact with residents. The Virginia Department of Health has advised us that close contact is: "if the individual has been within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged (>15 minute) period of time OR has had direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case." The employee is recuperating at home. Due to privacy concerns, we are unable to disclose any further information about the employee.

While this news is concerning, please know that we continue to be vigilant in practicing safety protocols. All youth receive medical screenings every 72 hours and are monitored for symptoms daily. Youth are also encouraged to follow hand washing and social distancing. The facility is cleaned regularly following recommended guidelines.

DJJ staff are committed to sharing as much information with you as we can during this time. We thank you, again, for working with us. Please don't forget to visit our website for COVID 19 information for parents and stakeholders. You can access the page at <http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pages/about-djj/covid.htm>. You are also asked to reach out to your youth's counselor or assigned parole officer with any questions that you may have.

Please be safe out there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie P. Boykin".

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