

A brief message for our supporters, partners, youth, and volunteers about FLY's continuing response to the Coronavirus



Dear FLY Family,

FLY has always been about health and well-being, safety, hope, and community. The Coronavirus situation is no exception. **We're putting the health of our FLY family and our communities first in all of our work and interactions**, and doing everything we can to be supportive.

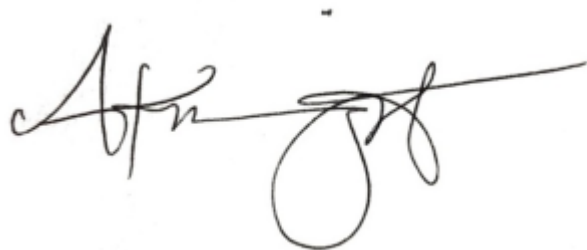
We are moving through this time recognizing that **we serve a marginalized part of the community who is at greater risk** because they have limited ways to minimize their exposure. We have their backs, we have each other's backs, and we won't back down from this!

Today I'm giving you a very quick overview of what we're doing in response to the spread of the virus.

- **Constantly monitoring information from health and government agencies** everywhere and using it to inform our response. Emails, news sites, social media, phone conferences – all of it.

- **Suspending any non-essential large group gatherings** coordinated or hosted by FLY thru the month of March.
- **Reworking our program plans to minimize risk** to staff, volunteers, and kids. This involves working with partners such as schools and Probation.
- **Encouraging staff to telecommute and use remote meeting technology** and to withdraw from large activities or events hosted by partners when possible.
- **Recognizing our kids and families will need additional emotional and logistical support during this time.** We are gathering their input about how we can be responsive above and beyond our usual support.
- **Sharing precautions with our kids** about things like hand-washing and safe greetings. (See the **fun "Healthy Greetings" videos by our kids:** <https://youtu.be/4exGdnKn34w>, <https://youtu.be/yZO58Oxon9c>)

I want to thank our FLY team for their bravery and calmness during a time when it's easy to panic. In true FLY fashion, **we are staying positive, strengths-based, and solution-oriented.** Even if we don't see you, know that we are with you in love and community spirit!



Ali Knight
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