



The Willow
Child Development Center
at First Baptist Garland

3/19/2020

Dear Willow Families,

We have come to the point where it is safer and wiser for everyone to remain at home with their families. The city of Garland public health department has issued information in regard to the first case of the coronavirus affecting a resident of Garland and now two others have contracted it as well. With these cases, we are unsure as to how it will affect us as a city and our surrounding communities. With that being said, we cannot foresee how the virus will travel and if anyone in our community of teachers, students or parents have been or will be exposed at any point in time. We do not want to put any of our students or teachers at risk and because of this we can no longer remain safely open. We are going to close our doors at 6pm on Friday, March 20th. We will continue serving our families Thursday and Friday of this week to give you time to find alternate care if needed. Right now, we know for sure that we will close for the entire week of March 23rd-27th and will re-evaluate at that time if it is safe for our doors to be open for the following week. We will notify everyone via email, Facebook and the Willow Child Development Center website of when we will be able to re-open our doors (<https://www.fbcgarland.org/willow>).

We are so fortunate to have families like you who attend our preschool! There has been such an outpouring of love for our staff and community of teachers from phone calls to emails; just checking in on us and seeing if there is anything that we need. We love you and cannot thank you enough for all your support during this time of uncertainty. We will miss you all but look forward to seeing your family back when we are sure that you and your child will always be safe and in a healthy environment. As mentioned in a previous letter, if we must close our doors, we will not be billing any family while we are not providing childcare services. Billing will resume for those who are in attendance on the day that our doors re-open for childcare services. We will keep everyone posted of when we will re-open. During this time, please take care of yourselves and your family.

If you are in need of any help with childcare at home for the time being, I have provided a list of teachers who are more than willing to help out. You can reach out to them via our Willow Facebook page/Facebook messenger/Willow phone (972-272-3221):

Olivia Liebel (Room 126 infant 2-12 mos.)

Maria Calderon (Room 134 12-18 mos.)

Jazmin Orozco/Mikayla Walker (Room 141 12-18 mos.)

Patricia Castillo (Room 142 18-24 mos)

Anastasia Slatouski (Room 132 Two's teacher)

Amber Burgess (Room 101 Three's teacher)

Melisa Alvarez (Room 104 Three's teacher)

Janie Wallick (Room 103 Four's teacher)

God Bless,

Kristen Beasley

The Willow CDC Director (PSALM 46)