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**Parent Communication**

**TO:** Parents / Family Members  
Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center Residents

**FROM:** Valerie P. Boykin

**SUBJECT:** COVID 19 Update

I wrote to you earlier in the week to tell you that a youth at Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center tested positive for COVID 19. That youth had very few symptoms and is recovering nicely. One of the things noted was a low-grade fever. As we continue to work with the Health Department, we have been advised to test other youth who have a low-grade fever. If you have been following the news these days, it seems that there are many individuals who are positive for COVID 19 but show very few, if any, symptoms. We have begun to check the temperature of the residents twice per day. So, again out of an abundance of caution, I wanted to make you aware that if your child has a low grade fever, our medical staff will assess them further and may test them for the flu and then next for COVID 19. This goes above and beyond the standard medical guidance provided to the general public to date regarding testing. I am asking the assigned counselors to tell you if your child is being tested for the COVID 19 virus and you will receive a call from our physician if your child receives a positive result. We hope to have the results within a day or two of the test.

I am sure that this news probably causes you some anxiety; however, I am trying to be forthcoming with information. We continue to observe medical isolation with the residents to try to determine the amount of any spread and, if so, to contain it.

As always, the health and safety of each resident and employee remains my major concern. Thanks again for your patience in working with us to manage this situation. Please reach out to your child's assigned counselor if you have specific questions.

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