



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Throughout the duration of school closures, Western PA Psych Care (WPPC) will continue to provide mental health services to students who are currently enrolled in Positive Steps (Wellness Center) School Based Behavioral Health Program.

The following satellite offices will be available for students to meet with their therapist. Attending these sessions is completely voluntary and at the family's discretion. Telehealth is another option. Telehealth is the distribution of health-related services and information via electronic information and telecommunication technologies.

Western PA Psych Care (WPPC)  
1607 3<sup>RD</sup> Street  
Beaver, PA 15009

Western PA Psych Care (WPPC)  
270 Ohio River Blvd, Suite B  
Baden, PA 15005

- 1. Families of enrolled students will be contacted via telephone call by a Positive Steps staff and notified of the availability of their child's therapist and location/s.**
  - Prior to scheduling therapy sessions Positive Steps staff will complete the screening tool (attached) via telephone with the parents/guardian. Should any of the questions be answered "yes" the family will be advised to follow the CDC recommended preventative steps (attached). Additionally, these students will not be scheduled for a therapy session until at least two weeks have passed, at which time the screening tool will again be completed prior to scheduling with their therapist.
  - If parent/guardian becomes aware of any risk factors or symptoms they are responsible for informing Positive Steps staff immediately and cancel/reschedule their child's therapy session.
  - Every effort will be made to accommodate family's schedules and any/all extraordinary requests (e.g., evening session) will be reviewed on an individual basis by School Based Supervisor.
  - Telehealth services will be available if families are unable to come into the office, but would still like to receive therapy. If you would like to be contacted about Telehealth services, please send an e-mail to the Supervisor of School Based at Aliquippa, Vanessa Casper-McElhaney, at [vancasper30@gmail.com](mailto:vancasper30@gmail.com) with your child's school (Elementary or Jr/Sr High) in the subject line, along with Telehealth. In the body of the email, please include the child's name, contact name and phone number, which will be forwarded to their therapist.
- 2. Parent/Guardian during this time please direct all communication (questions, scheduling, cancellations) to 724.728.8411**

**For Immediate Crisis:** 724-371-8060 or 800-400-6180

WPIC-Beaver County Crisis Services      176 Virginia Ave. Rochester, PA 15074

Thank you,  
Positive Steps SBBH  
Western PA Psych Care Staff

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Beaver, PA 15009

Phone: 724-728-8400

Fax: 724-728-7666

With an eye toward containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Western PA Psych Care/Positive Steps will screen everyone entering its' offices beginning 3/12/2020.

### Screening Questions:

1. Do you have a fever or worsening cough or flu-like symptoms?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

2. Have you traveled to China, Japan, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days? Yes\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_

3. Have you been in close contact with someone, including healthcare workers, confirmed to be tested positive for the coronavirus?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### Preventative Measures:

Everyone is encouraged to take these routine precautions to reduce the risk of being exposed to the virus:

- 1) Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- 2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- 3) Stay home if you are sick or believe you are becoming sick and seek medical help
- 4) Avoid large crowds, especially if you are elderly or have a compromised immune system

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_