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**HOPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS SITE CLOSURE EXTENDED**

Dear Artists/Students, Families, Caregivers, and HOPE community,

Hope Center for the Arts (HOPE) Board of Directors and myself continue to evaluate the current state of emergency in relation to COVID-19. Our discussions always center on steps to be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff; and by extension, our families and caregivers.

Due to the continuing statewide 'shelter in place' order put forth by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the guidance of Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) to not resume day program services until this order has lifted, **HOPE will remain closed until it is safe to return.**

**We will continue to monitor updates from State of California Health Agencies and RCOC and will notify each of you immediately when re-opening is safe for students and staff.** Until then, we're evaluating how we may be able to leverage technology to support the HOPE community while the order is in place. Also we're checking phone messages weekly and I am checking my email daily for additional questions you may have. *Feel free to reach out to me anytime at [michele@hope4arts.org](mailto:michele@hope4arts.org) or on my cell 562-896-0166 and I will respond ASAP.* You can also check our website – [hope4arts.org](http://hope4arts.org).

***Please know that Hope Center for the Arts is actively dedicating each day to stay connected to each of you and are working rapidly on progressive new services to reach each of our Artists during this time.*** Our main goal is to ensure that our vulnerable population continue to receive innovative arts services and participate in their HOPE community, something their families/caregivers have come to rely on every day!

As a reminder, while HOPE has notified both RCOC and **Access (877) 628-2232** of this extended closure, you must also cancel rides for your Artist/Student. **Please be sure to call Access and personally cancel your rides for this extended period.**

Warm Regards,



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