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Dear Families and Bigs,

As Governor Wolf has begun lifting restrictions across the state and counties in our service area, many of our matches have asked us about in person meetings. Although many of you have identified ways to meet virtually, we recognize that as restrictions are loosening across the state many matches are looking forward to meeting in person. As we consider all guidelines set forth by Pennsylvania and the CDC, Big Brothers Big Sisters is making decisions with the utmost consideration for the safety and well-being of all our Bigs, Littles and families.

Resuming in person meetings will be a personal decision between the family and Big. To keep our Littles, their families, and our Bigs safe we ask that you follow these guidelines:

1. We are NOT requiring matches to meet in person. You may still meet virtually.
2. The parent/guardian, Little and Big all need to be comfortable meeting in person.
 - a. The Big can drive to the Little's home and go for a walk, play in the yard, bring lunch and have a picnic at a neighborhood park ,etc.
 - b. The Little's family may provide transportation to and from an activity if the activity is being held in a public setting.
3. If you are planning to meet in person, you must notify your Match Support Specialist prior to your outing, as it must be documented.
4. The activity is to include only the Big(s) and Little. Unfortunately, we cannot have siblings, friends or other individuals joining at this time.
5. If Bigs are transporting Littles they need to try to maintain a bit of distance. All Littles, regardless of age, should sit in the backseat and wear a mask, even in the car.
6. Safety measures include that all match activities must follow social distancing recommendations:
 - a. Activities take place outside or at a location following CDC guidelines
 - b. Refrain from physical contact (no hugging, high fives, etc.)
 - c. Wash your hands often
 - d. Use hand sanitizer if you are unable to wash your hands
 - e. Avoid touching your face
 - f. We strongly encourage you to wear a mask when meeting.
 - g. Stay 6 feet apart when possible.
7. If Bigs and Littles have met in person and develop any symptoms, have a or have had a fever (even low-grade) or a member of their household does, please report this to your Match Support Specialist as soon as possible and postpone further outings.

Thank you so much for continuing to be such a vital part of Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you have any questions, we are here for you! Please reach out.

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