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Archway Programs Receives Confirmation of Positive COVID-19 Case

A staff member from Just Kids has tested positive for the Coronavirus.

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ATCO, NEW JERSEY (October 30, 2020) – Today Archway received confirmation of a positive COVID-19 exposure at the Just Kids Before and After School Care Program at its Albert Bean Elementary School site located in Pine Hill, New Jersey. The employee who tested positive is a Childcare Provider at the Just Kids Albert Bean Program. Archway has developed a carefully thought-out plan for what to do in the event a student, client, resident, and/or staff member tests positive, and is now implementing that plan. As part of that plan, the Just Kids staff member who was confirmed positive, as well as others who may have been exposed through close contact, will need to complete a quarantine period based upon [CDC](#) and [NJ Department of Health](#).

Lorin Powell, Director of Just Kids, has communicated with parents of students who are considered to be in close contact (within 6 feet of distance for 15 minutes over a 24 hour period). All exposed areas have been cleaned and disinfected according to established protocols. Just Kids will continue to work with the school district to take necessary precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs. As a precautionary measure, the Just Kids Albert Bean Program will be temporarily closed effective today throughout the following week. The Just Kids Albert Bean Program will re-open on Monday, November 9th, 2020.

“We are all navigating a new normal and trying to do what’s best for each of our families. Just Kids believes that full transparency is critical right now during these unprecedented times. Keeping clear lines of communication with parents allows Just Kids to ensure the health and safety of each of our students and their families,” said Lorin Powell, Director of Just Kids.

Just Kids has been providing before and after school care to thousands of families throughout southern New Jersey for over three decades. When the pandemic modified programs offered throughout the organization, in mid-March, Archway’s leadership team immediately began designing a detailed, comprehensive plan to safely re-open Just Kids, in addition to other programs. Archway’s Re-Opening plan is based on guidance and recommendations from the CDC, the state health department and the New Jersey Governor’s phased plan to re-open the State of New Jersey.

Archway will continue to work with local authorities and re-evaluate our plan for the remainder of the school year for each of its programs in addition to the Just Kids sites located at elementary schools throughout the state. Archway’s Re-Opening Plan is updated frequently based on the evolving changes the pandemic has caused. The Re-Opening Plan as well as fact sheets, helpful resources and updates can be found on Archway’s



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website at www.ArchwayPrograms.org/COVID19. This page is updated frequently and includes updates and any changes to programming and services provided throughout Archway Programs.

“Our top priority is to ensure the safety, health and wellness of our staff, individuals we serve and our community. Archway Programs is committed to protecting our students, clients, residents, employees and their families. I am confident that Archway will continue to push through these uncertain times together, and grow stronger and more resilient,” said George Richards, CEO/CFO of Archway Programs.

Just Kids, offered by Archway Programs, offers before and after school care located in the school each child is enrolled. This provides a safe environment for families in need of before and/or after school care, while stimulating social and emotional development and cultivating academic curiosity. The Just Kids’ mission is to work in collaboration with the hosting 12 school districts to provide quality school-based childcare to children attending the specific elementary/middle school. This service ensures child safety while providing a relationship building and child enrichment curriculum. Archway has over 31 years of experience providing Just Kids in 26 schools in Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties. To see all of the schools and districts served, please visit <https://www.justkidsprogram.org/just-kids-districts-served>.

For more information on Archway Programs, visit www.archwayprograms.org. For more information on the Just Kids Program, visit www.justkidsprogram.org.

Any questions and/or concerns regarding the COVID-19 exposure at Just Kids Albert Bean should be directed to:

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About Archway Programs

Since 1965, Archway Programs has been meeting the individualized needs of thousands of families throughout the state of New Jersey. Archway Programs is a diverse, non-profit, human services organization which includes approved private schools for students with disabilities in addition to several model programs providing unmatched services. Built on a solid foundation of core values, providing safety, possessing compassion and promoting individuality, Archway Programs strives to improve the life of every individual served. Our goal is to ensure that each individual’s needs are met and customized services are provided and partnered with passionate, committed and talented professionals in a safe environment. Over 450 individuals are currently employed by Archway Programs and this dedicated and talented staff provides services to over 1,800 children and adults requiring individualized care. Please visit www.archwayprograms.org for more information.



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