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To The Arc of Ventura County's Families, Care Providers and Community Stakeholders,

Please be advised that all site-based programs provided by The Arc of Ventura County are closed immediately per Governor Newsom's "Stay at Home" Executive Order given on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Additionally, The Arc Foundation and its thrift store operations are closed until further notice.

Individuals employed and receiving Supported Employment Services will continue to receive job coaching supports as needed. Individuals served through Supported Independent Living Services and Training for Independent Living will receive services as needed.

At this time, we have no date scheduled for reopening of our programs. We will continue to follow the direction of Governor Newsom's office, Ventura County Public Health, the CDC, as well as Tri-Counties Regional Center, when determining to safely resume services.

Management and administrative staff will be working limited hours and primarily from home during this closure. Our general phone lines will not be closely monitored at this time. We recommend communication by email should you need to contact staff directly. Please email your program manager directly or send your message to info@arcvc.org.

This will be a difficult time not only for the individuals we serve, their families and our entire community; but also for our amazing staff, who are concerned about the well-being of the people they serve each day. It is important that we all do our part to combat COVID-19 by staying home and continuing to take the precautionary steps to protect yourself as recommended by the CDC. Please note that the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging is now offering a full service food pantry for people 60 and older and individuals with disabilities. Pick-up or delivery options are available. For more information, please visit www.vcaaa.org.

The financial impact of these closures to The Arc of Ventura County and The Arc Foundation of Ventura County will be immense. It is our hope that we can continue to rely on your support of our vital mission when we emerge stronger and better from this uncertain time.

As a reminder of the good things in our world in the midst of fear and uncertainty, please take a few minutes and view our videos on our website (www.arcvc.org). It is a great reminder of what you've made possible through our 65 years of service in Ventura County, and what I know you will continue to make possible in the years ahead. Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have at pschulz@arcvc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia G. Schulz'.

Patricia G. Schulz
Chief Executive Officer