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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Coronavirus (COVID -19) Update**

Today, Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves declared a state of emergency and, in response, the school districts in counties where AJFC operates Head Start Centers, including the Natchez-Adams School District, Jefferson County School District, and Wilkinson County School District, have decided to extend Spring Break and announced that students report back to schools on Monday, March 22, 2020.

Therefore, in consultation with the Head Start Director, Dr. Carrie Ford, and Board Chairperson, Ms. Regina Reed, a decision has been made to close all AJFC Head Starts Centers for students until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Amite County Centers (Gloster and Liberty) were already scheduled to close next week in alignment with the local school district for its Spring Break.

All Head Start/Early Head Start employees at the Centreville, Fayette, Gloster, Liberty, Thompson, and Woodville Centers are directed to report to their assigned centers on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to perform an intense and thorough cleaning protocol of the facilities, classroom activity items, and buses.

All other AJFC employees are directed to report as usual.

We will continue to follow the directives of local, state, and federal health officials regarding the health and safety of our students and staff.

Carmen Drake, Interim CEO  
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