

Dear ELGAN ECHO Families,

We write to you today to communicate an update related to the ELGAN ECHO Study.

As you know, the novel coronavirus epidemic has been affecting communities since its rapid spread throughout the world. While coronavirus disease is often mild, some people develop severe disease. Social distancing measures and extra-vigilant hygiene practices are required to prevent infections, slow down the spread of the virus, and increase the capacity of our medical system to treat people with severe symptoms. These efforts may be impacting your jobs, schools, everyday social lives and much more. They are also impacting our study.

At this time, all ELGAN-ECHO study sites are restricted just to study activities that can be done at a distance, such as online surveys, phone calls and emails. This is a challenging and ever changing situation, so some sites might be required to temporarily stop even these distance activities.

We greatly look forward to when health and safety conditions allow us to resume regular study activities and in-person study visits. From across our many sites, the ELGAN-ECHO team sends our caring thoughts to study families during this difficult time, and our wishes for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your site Principal Investigator or Study Coordinator with any comments or questions about the study (see study location page for contact information).

Sincerely,

The ELGAN ECHO Study Team

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