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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of all of our Fairfax County Community and Teen Centers in Neighborhood and Community Services, we want you to know how much we miss seeing you and your child(ren).

Though we are closed to participants until further notice, we are proud to offer a new virtual program called **NCS Connects for 1st through 12th graders of all abilities**. This online program includes a variety of fun and engaging activities you can access from home. Each week, we’ll upload new videos, podcasts and other content to the **NCS Connects** website at bit.ly/NCSConnects. We will include fun games to get your children’s bodies moving, creative arts and crafts, simple cooking projects, virtual field trips, gardening and more, plus valuable resources the whole family can enjoy.

As you and your family begin to use **NCS Connects**, we welcome your ideas, questions, and feedback to make this resource the best that it can be. To complete the weekly activities, a limited number of arts and craft kits will be available on a first come, first served basis. To acquire a kit, please request using the email below. You may reach us by calling your local or base Community or Teen Center, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by emailing us at NCSConnects@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Thank you for your patience as we work to continue serving your family in this challenging new environment. Keep practicing social distancing, wear a face covering, wash your hands, and stay safe. While we are anxious to see you back at our centers, we will wait until we are able to do so safely. Until then, we are excited to see you virtually on the new **NCS Connects** website!

Sincerely,

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