

Crisis Response

Being isolated from friends and family and simply being off a regular schedule will cause many of our students to exhibit more mental health concerns. This can range from more frequent temper tantrums, outbursts, self-injury or harm to others. It is important to look for: marks, unusual clothing choices, withdrawn behavior, behavior that is different than what you are used to seeing at school, unusual or “off” comments, non-attendance or participation in online learning, etc. The following guidelines have been developed to help you respond while we are in a virtual learning environment.

IF YOU ARE WITH A STUDENT AND...

- **The student indicates possible harm to self (suicidal ideation) or harm to others:**
 - You **must** stay online or on the phone with the student until there is adult supervision, Mobile Crisis or 9-1-1 help arrives.
 - First, ask if there is an adult in the house, and if so, inform the adult of suicidal ideation/plan and ask the adult to stay with student until help arrives.
 - Be sure you have the student’s address and Contact Centerstone Mobile Crisis (941) 720-5014 or 9-1-1.
 - If at any point the link to the student is interrupted before help arrives, *call 9-1-1*
 - Inform your school-based counselor and administrator of the concerns and request for follow-up by a member of the mental health team at your school. Be sure to document your actions for your records.
 - School-based counselor should complete the Focus Mental Health Form if school staff initiated an assessment.
- **You witness that the student is in immediate physical danger:**
 - Stay online and use your available telephone to dial 9-1-1.
 - Stay online with the student while providing information to the 9-1-1 operator.
 - Inform your administrator of the concerns and request for follow-up by a member of the mental health team at your school. Be sure to document your actions for your records.
- **The student discloses abuse or neglect that should be reported to DCF:**
 - Assess for immediate danger. If the student is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.
 - If no immediate danger is present, gather pertinent information and then call DCF at 1-800-962-2873.
 - Inform your administrator of the concerns and request for follow-up by a member of the mental health team at your school. Be sure to document your actions for your records.
 - Complete appropriate District Mandated Reporter Form and send to your building administrator.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

STAFF USE ONLY Centerstone Mobile Crisis (For Immediate Crisis Needs) (941) 720-5014, 2020 26th Ave East Bradenton

STUDENT & PARENT USE Centerstone Crisis Hotline (For behavioral support and counseling) (941) 782-4150

Suncoast 24/7 Emergency Dept. (FREE Mental Health Assessments) (941) 251-5000, 4480 51st St. W, Bradenton

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255). TEXT line: Text “Start” to 741741, <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

For Hearing and Speech Impaired with TTY Equipment: 1-800-799-4TTY (4889).

The Trevor Project The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning youth.

Trevor Lifeline 1-866-488-7386

TrevorText is a confidential and secure resource that provides live help for LGBTQ youth with a trained specialist, over text messages. Text START to 678678.