



Providing Arts-In-Medicine Programs for Children Coping with Serious Illness.
Helping children **RECORD, TELL and OWN** their story of courage.

March 13, 2020

Dear Beads of Courage Family,

The health and safety of our members, member hospitals, staff, and volunteers is always a high priority with Beads of Courage. As COVID-19/Coronavirus continues to spread in the United States, we want to assure you of our commitment to the safety and health of all.

Beads of Courage implements measures to reduce the spread of any infection as a standard of practice. Staff and volunteers are not permitted to come to Beads of Courage headquarters when ill. Hand washing is required before working with Beads of Courage materials, hand sanitizer is readily available, and workspaces are regularly sanitized. This is a standard today and always.

In regards to the use of materials, the CDC has stated, "It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads." **All Beads of Courage materials can be sanitized with hospital-grade disinfectants.** The CDC has also stated that "there is likely very low risk of spread from products or packaging that are shipped over periods of days or weeks at ambient temperatures ... Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with imported goods." For more information, please visit the [CDC website](#).

We understand that many organizations are no longer allowing volunteers and outside visitors for the health and safety of patients, family, and essential healthcare workers, which could potentially impact Beads of Courage program implementation. Beads of Courage is available to support you with the Beads of Courage program any way we can. We know that caring clinicians will do their best to support families during this unprecedented time and will continue to implement the Beads of Courage program to the best of their ability.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

We are grateful for your partnership in caring with Beads of Courage, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Gribbon".

Jean Gribbon, PhD, RN
Executive Director and Founder

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Moneck".

Beth Moneck, MS, CCLS, CIMI
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