



Make today a breakthrough.

July 17, 2021

Dear School Administrator,

Cure SMA is the leading national organization representing and supporting individuals and families impacted by spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), many of whom experience unique and complex health needs daily.

During the reopening phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, it remains a high priority that people with SMA remain healthy and safe. COVID-19 poses a greater threat to individuals with SMA, specifically as it relates to respiratory health and survival. It is of utmost importance to keep this vulnerable community as safe as possible.

Therefore, as your school reopens in-classroom learning during the summer/fall, it is imperative that siblings of children with SMA be afforded the opportunity to learn at home to continue isolation and social distancing for a longer time to ensure the health of the child with SMA, especially as we await vaccine approvals for this age group. We request your continued support for virtual or e-learning opportunities for the siblings of a child with SMA—even if your school reopens during the fall session with enhanced safety and social distancing precautions—so that their education will continue.

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information about SMA, please contact us at info@curesma.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.A. Hobby".

Kenneth Hobby
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Schroth".

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