

# Direct to You

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**Good afternoon,**

In a perfect world I would have sent out a **Mother's Day** message on Thursday before we left for the long weekend, but as we all know, we are not living in a perfect world.

In fact, we are living in a world that has been complicated in ways none of us could have anticipated even five months ago, as we were ushering in a new year of hope and renewal. Nevertheless, I want to make sure we all pause to celebrate and give thanks to the mothers in our lives, including those with whom we work and the ones in our personal lives—who contribute to the well-being of our next generation.

Mothers, and all the people who do the difficult task of raising and nurturing children, lately find themselves taking on new challenges (or reliving old ones) such as homeschooling and attending PTA meetings, but in a much different world defined by Zoom, Skype and teleworking, while the kids struggle to stay quiet in the background.

Back in the day, Moms were worried about protecting our children from falls, scrapes and boo-boos. Now we find ourselves losing sleep over protecting our children and families from a global pandemic and the many challenges that come as a result.

We salute all the Moms (and the Daddies who do the work of "Moms") for continuing to persevere with love, and for showing the resiliency and determination to rise to this moment in history, and use their inner-magic to work through unique circumstances.

You are true s/heroes in my book and I'm proud to know and work with each of you!

So at OHA, we'll treat Mother's Day as more than just one special day, let's use today to kick off **Mother's Week!**

**Patricia**



**REMEMBER:** if you have reasonable suspicion that you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher), coughing, or shortness of breath, do not report to work. Immediately contact your primary care provider and then your supervisor for instructions on what you need to do next. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please contact your supervisor or Director. If you have questions in regards to pay or leave time, please contact Human Resources at (510) 874-1575.

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