



CARING FOR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO COVID-19



THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES (DCS) developed guidance related to the coronavirus, knowing that information is rapidly changing. It is the agency's vision to ensure Indiana children live in safe, healthy and supportive families and communities. COVID-19 creates a barrier to meeting those needs, but it is imperative we continue to provide services, even if the way we provide services is done differently. This is our opportunity to let families in need know they're not alone, while we focus on the safety of Hoosier children, families and our DCS team members.

IF A CHILD HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO OR TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Every child deserves a safe and stable placement.
- The [CDC](#) has offered guidance for isolating those with symptoms.
- Many children will exhibit mild symptoms and recover quickly.

OUR CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES:

- Are required to report all positive cases to ISDH.
- Work closely with ISDH to follow safety precautions when a youth tests positive.
- Can still accept placements after a positive case has been identified by closely following [CDC](#) protocols.
- Closely monitor exposure by taking temperatures of staff members and encouraging a distance of 6 feet or more.

IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN EXPOSED

- **PRE-SCREEN:** Take the employee's temperature and assess symptoms (preferably, outside the facility) daily before work.
- **PROVIDE A MASK:** The employee should wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** The employee should maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- **DISINFECT WORK SPACES:** Routinely clean and disinfect areas including offices, bathrooms, common areas and shared electronic equipment.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? EMAIL:

For COVID-19 information, please visit the Indiana State Department of Health [website](#), [DCS Community](#) and <https://coronavirus.in.gov>