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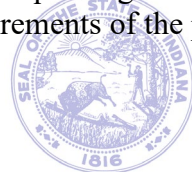
Subject: Temporary Modification to Foster Care Licensing Requirements
DCS-20-01

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of our staff, families, and community during the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency. Therefore, temporary exceptions are being made to select Foster Family Home Licensing Policies. These exceptions will expire with the expiration of the Indiana Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise extended or terminated by DCS.

In accordance with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and recommendations of social distancing, DCS will move all pre-service and in-service training requirements outlined in policies [12.5 Pre-Service Training Requirements](#) and [12.14 In-Service Training Requirements](#) to a virtual format.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, as outlined in policy [12.6 Medical Training Requirements](#), will continue to be required. When classroom learning is not available, CPR training will be required virtually or online by a program certified in pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction under the [American Heart Association Guidelines](#).

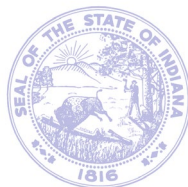
Policy [12.9 Waivers](#) allows the Central Office Licensing Unit to grant a waiver for a foster family home to be noncompliant with a specific rule or regulation. This authority is on a case by case basis, and any applicant or licensee requesting a waiver not specifically addressed in this letter should continue to follow the requirements of the policy.



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Sincerely,

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