COVID-19

FAQ

For foster parents:

"essential business classification" to foster care workers.

On the DCF COVID-19 website are some new pieces of guidance:

• Additional Frequently Asked Questions (related to Access, Initial Assessment and In-home Services)

• Letter to Kinship Care relatives

• Guidance for Congregate Care Settings

• Health Check and Exposure Checklist

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/guidance>

**I have someone watching the kids while I must work. Is there any support? Is there a daily rate to help cover the costs?**

If you need support finding someone to care for children while you need to be outside of the home, please contact your case manager. Track your expenses as there may be additional financial support offered for childcare.

What do I do if I develop symptoms? What about a member of my family including foster children?

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We need to make sure that the FAQ’s hit heavy on Foster Parents practicing social distancing. With the demand in needing homes increasing, we have to be extremely vigilant in making sure they are doing everything to protect themselves, the kids in their care and others.

if there is an appointment outside of the home or if someone is planning on coming to the house that this info be shared beforehand with CM so the team can weigh in and support/recommend direction. I don’t want foster parents making decisions on their own.

Are there any ongoing respite services?

My foster child has an outside the home activity that has not been cancelled; should he/she/they still be attending? (work, visits, other appointments, interactions with family, etc.)

What are the difference between counties regarding respite, jobs, etc.?

How can I be sure I have the most current information about being a foster parent during the global pandemic?

Foster families must stay in contact with their Case Manager via video or phone, as often as needed, but at least weekly communication. [communication process for CM’s varied teams]

- What happens if a foster parent gets sick- foster parent, kiddos, etc

- Any ongoing respite services within our foster homes

- Foster kids involved in activities outside the home- work, visits, other appointments, interactions with family

- What are specific counties telling specific foster families. Are we getting all of that information.

o List of all of the players we need to remain in constant contact with

- Foster families must stay in contact with their CM’s on a daily basis if needed

- We need to help CM’s create a communication process for their varied teams