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To: Child Welfare Field Operations

From: Jody Becker, Deputy Secretary *Jody Becker*

RE: **Revised** COVID-19 Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Placements

This is an update to the memo released June 10, 2020, and to the June 12, 2020, Recommendations for Safe Transport and Placement of WA State Foster Youth in ICPC Placements. This guidance is related to policy 5601 - Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Placed Out of State and policy 5602 - Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Placed in the state of Washington.

- Caregivers must be willing to adhere to [CDC guidelines](#), state and local mandates regarding COVID-19.
- Staff and caregivers must be prepared to follow [CDC's COVID-19 travel advisory guidance](#) including the [CDC quarantine guidelines](#) if they or a child becomes ill after travel or anytime during placement.
- Different jurisdictions require different protective factors regarding slowing the spread of COVID-19. Prior to placement out of state, caseworkers must:
  - Consider the impact of the mandates, child's needs and physical health to determine if it is in the best interest of the child.
  - Determine caregivers' willingness to adhere to CDC guidelines, state and local mandates.
  - Determine caregivers' willingness to work with child's education and services providers, as there may be ongoing changes between in-person and virtual modalities.

The following links provide current information regarding COVID-19 in Washington State. Governor Inslee's [Washington Ready](#) indicates, Washingtonians and those coming into Washington should follow [Proclamation 20-83.2](#)

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