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Dear Parents,

The public health crisis we find ourselves in has been a unique and challenging experience for all Arizonans, but none more so than you. Not seeing your children in-person over the past several weeks has been difficult for you as well as them. That is all the more reason I am excited for this coming week and a return to in-person parenting time/visitation.

There is a poster near my desk titled “*Foster Reunification*” that includes an image of a parent embracing their child. This has been a constant reminder of the importance of parenting time/visitation and why we are so committed to resuming visits as soon as possible. But, we need your help to make this a sustainable and successful transition as the public health crisis is ongoing.



First, if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, have tested positive or waiting on results of a test, or have been in contact with individuals known to be positive, please inform your DCS specialist as soon as possible. For your protection and that of your children and others supporting the visitation, your visits need to be done virtually until those symptoms subside.

Second, if you have a facial covering, please bring it to the visit. You are required to wear a facial covering throughout the visit. By providing your own, it makes it easier to keep a healthy environment for you, as well as all the other parents seeing their children. If you do not have a facial covering, we will provide one for you.

Third, please be aware of the safety precautions being taken to make these in-person visits successful. It is important that all families, caregivers and staff are following these guidelines so visits can continue without disruption. ([See Guidance Document](#))

Lastly, enjoy the time with your children. They miss you and I know how much you miss seeing them.

We appreciate your support in following the established guidelines. If you have any questions please contact your Specialist.

Thank you,

Mike Faust
Director