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Dear Kinship, Foster and Congregate Caregivers,

Over the past several months we have communicated frequently with the changes as guidance as we continue to navigate during this unprecedented time in our country. Your commitment to our community and children has not wavered despite the challenges we have faced. I continue to be grateful to walk alongside all of the caregivers, providers, DCS staff and other partners that care for children and strengthen families.

Today, I am pleased to announce that DCS has entered a partnership with Banner Urgent Care Services (BUCS) for testing of children in the care and custody of DCS. Effective immediately any child in foster care that has been identified as exposed to COVID-19 through contact tracing (even if they are asymptomatic) or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 can be scheduled for testing at a Banner Urgent Care.

The process to schedule testing is as follows:

1. The caregiver or DCSS can fill out the [COVID-19 CMDP Tracing Form](#) and send to [CMDPCovid19@azdcs.gov](mailto:CMDPCovid19@azdcs.gov) to obtain the **COVID-19 Banner Notice to Provider** form. This form will be emailed to you once the Tracing Form has been received and processed.
2. Schedule a visit online at <https://www.bannerhealth.com/services/urgent-care>
  - o Visit Reason must be “COVID-19 Concerns” and you must bring the **COVID-19 Banner Notice to Provider** form
3. Go to the nearest BUCS with the **COVID-19 Banner Notice to Provider** form and child. (list of locations is [HERE](#))
4. You can expect to receive results in 3-4 days.
5. Notify [CMDPCovid19@azdcs.gov](mailto:CMDPCovid19@azdcs.gov) with the results for each child, Date of the test and location where the test occurred.

As we continue to learn how to navigate life with COVID-19 affecting our community, I appreciate your strength and compassion to continue to help children and families. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. We are so grateful for our partnership with Banner Urgent Care services to help our community do our part to slow the spread of the virus and ensure that the needs of our children and caregivers are met.

Thank you for all you do,



Mike Faust  
Director