

April 3rd, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Governor's executive order to Stay Home, Stay Healthy and Stay Connected coupled with the announcement that schools across the state would remain closed for the remainder of the year has left all Arizonan's planning in ways we thought would never be required. With these orders, I made several adjustments to the Department's strategies and directives to promote physical distancing and support the safety of children, families, caregivers, staff and providers.

If you have not received that communication, the directive regarding virtual visitation has been extended until April 30th, 2020 ([in link](#))

Every decision we make is to best support children in care and I am pleased to report that no children in care are known to be positive with COVID-19 at this time.

The Department continues to meet with service providers weekly to identify and remove any barriers that may exist in service delivery. Every effort is being made to continue parenting time, parent skill building and therapeutic/counseling services to support you and your family.

I want you to know that the Department is working tirelessly to meet the needs of your children. Additionally, our Specialists and providers continue to engage to the greatest extent possible to ensure your case plan goals are being supported.

If you have questions or concerns please continue to communicate with your assigned DCS Specialist.

We will continue to send communications weekly until this public health crisis concludes. We wish you all the best and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mike Faust
Director