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To: All DCS Staff and Caregivers

At this time there are no children in care known to be positive with COVID-19. Over the past few weeks, there have been several children who were tested and found to be negative. As you could imagine, waiting for the test results was stressful and added to the already challenging situation we all face.

As a solution and direct support to children, caregivers and DCS staff, CMDP and the Department of Health Services have developed an expedited testing process. This process, when followed, directs the treating health care professional through a specific process to route the test specimen to the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory (ASPHL) for expedited results. The results will be provided to the health care provider and CMDP within approximately 24 hours of the test.

If a treating health care provider refers a child in DCS custody to be tested for COVID-19, please notify CMDP via email at: [CMDPNurse@azdcs.gov](mailto:CMDPNurse@azdcs.gov) or call **1-800-201-1795**. You will be asked to provide the Person Identification Number for the child being tested for tracking purposes. CMDP will provide you a form to complete which also includes instructions for the health care provider. Please enter the child's basic demographic data to help the provider, laboratory and CMDP track the child then ***give the form to the treating health care provider.***

We appreciate all that you are doing to support our children during this time and are hopeful these expedited services will aid in support children, caregivers and staff.

Sincerely,

Mike Faust  
Director