

## **Guidance for Conducting In-Home Contacts with Parents and Children (Home Visits and Parenting Time)**

For staff and client safety, when preparing or scheduling appointments for any in-home contact, please use the following guidance:

- Unless an unannounced contact is necessary to address a child safety concern, visits to the family home should be pre-scheduled whenever possible.
- When scheduling an in-home contact with a child/family, ask the following three screening questions pertaining to all household members:
  1. Is there any reason you have been instructed to self-quarantine or isolate? If yes, why?
  2. Have you had contact with any people being tested or seeking to be tested for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, OR with anyone with known COVID-19?
  3. Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g., cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath)?
- If all household members answer “no” to all three questions, the in-home contact may occur.
- Advise clients to call the DCS Specialist to cancel all in-home contacts when any screening question would be answered “yes.”
- If any household members indicate travel, contact, or symptoms as outlined above, the in-home contact should be postponed and rescheduled.