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DCS Parents,

We continue to think of you and your children during this challenging time, with health and safety our focus. During the last two months, every effort has been made to support connectedness with your children in spite of the public health crisis and the challenges it has presented. I know there is no replacement for seeing your children face-to-face, but I am glad the technology exists to support the parenting time visits that have been occurring.

This time away from your children has been challenging, yet I am encouraged by those of you finding inventive ways of engaging with your children virtually. Thank you for working with caregivers as we continue striving to remain connected during the pandemic.

The Department is working closely with everyone involved to ensure that we resume in-person visitation at the end of this month. A lot of planning goes into resuming visits with safety precautions for you, your children, and those supporting your children, during and after the visit. Next week, we will be publishing safety requirements that have been developed with medical professionals and following recommendations of the CDC to reduce the spread of this virus.

Again, I want to thank you and celebrate your efforts to stay connected with your children, participate in services to strengthen your family.

Mike Faust
Director