

Early Head Start

Preparedness Plan for Resuming Visits

Modifications due to COVID-19

Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplace and communities, and that requires full cooperation among employees and families. All modifications subject to change based on local health conditions, and guidance by MDH and CDC.

- **Pre visit:**
- Home visitors will self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. (MDH Decision Tree Model)
- Home visitors should contact families and ask if anyone in the household is sick, if no pre visit check in then at the door the home visitor will review the MDH Decision Tree Model before entering the home.
- **Outdoor/Indoor visits:**
- Home visitor, children, and all other adults present must wash hands or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- A face shield or disposable face mask is optional.
- Wash hands after touching play structures and maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Disinfect toys in between visits or have a separate bag for the soiled items. You can soak them in bleach/water mixture or spray them with mixture and allow to air dry. Clorox wipes can be used when available, as well as soap and water.
- Home visitors may disinfect play area in the home or use disposable plastic sheet.
- **Transportation:**
- Masks must be worn by all adults and any child over age 5 (per MDH)
- No mask=no ride, no exceptions.
- Staff member must get pre-approval of transportation from EHS manager/ Director if outside of the service area.
- Lysol or other type of disinfecting spray through the vehicle before the ride, and again when the ride is complete.
- **Family Quarantine due to COVID-19:**
- Document in Child Plus as Parent Cancelled due to illness- refused visits- due to Quarantine
- Home visitors are encouraged to stay in touch with families during this time as activities or snack box could be an option. **Dropping off or mailing activities, snacks, etc. will not be considered a home visit.**
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