Masking Requirements:

At this time, DCYF is not requiring face mask during transports or visits this includes in DCYF offices. However, when a local county, city government, or health jurisdiction implements stricter requirements, employees and subcontractors should follow these local mandates. Private businesses should follow recommendations from the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) and the Department of Health (DOH) and make the appropriate business decisions depending on the setting and circumstances of the visit. DCYF supports the personal choice to wear a mask in any work environment where masking is not required and masking is still highly recommended by DOH as the primary strategy to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If there are concerns regarding this, a provider should work with the department and family to come up with a plan to ensure the family receives timely services.

Below are additional resources that are available to you:

- Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19) Resources (wa.gov)

- Masks and Face Coverings | Washington State Department of Health

Screening Calls:

Screening calls will continue to be funded at this time. These will be switched to general health screening. Below are the specifics:

1. Screenings are to be completed no more than 24 hours prior to the transportation/visit.
2. Questions that can be asked
    a. Have you or anyone in your house been exposed to anyone who has had a confirmed contagious illness including but not limited to RSV, Influenza, or Covid in the past 5 days?
    b. Have you or anyone in your house been ill or demonstrated symptoms of a known illness within the last 24 hours?
3. If there are any concerns, then a virtual visit can be offered if all parties agree.
4. If virtual visit is not agreed upon, then in person should be rescheduled if possible.

Quarantine and Isolation:

Please continue to follow all DOH recommendation located here: Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 | Washington State Department of Health.