Pre-Screening During COVID-19 Crisis

Children and Family Services (CFS) continues to provide essential services. The health and safety of children and families, and social workers are of utmost concern. Caregivers should apply these additional safety measures.

Pre-Screening

Be mindful of public health guidelines and ask the following pre-screening questions:

1. Has anyone in your home tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. In the past 14 days have you, your children and/or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms? Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath
3. Have you, your children and/or anyone in your household had close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 with a laboratory confirmed testing in the last 14 days?

If someone answers “yes” to any of the questions, encourage them to contact their doctor about their symptoms and/or exposure. Case managers should notify their designated county representative if clients, partners, family members, etc. self-disclose they have been exposed, are in quarantine or are being tested for COVID-19.

Safety Precautions

- Practice social distancing with in-person contacts, keeping a distance of at least 6 feet
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds and refrain from touching your face
- Follow public health guidelines during the interactions with parents, children and/or other members of the household, including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as recommended by public health guidance (and/or encouragement of any recommended use by other individuals in the home).

Note: PPEs should only be used by healthy individuals in specific circumstances (i.e., when staff are in prolonged close contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection).