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Dear Foster Care Parents,

The Department of Social Services is aware of and is actively monitoring COVID-19 health concerns in the region. As a department, we follow guidance from the County's Office of Emergency Management who is in constant contact with the local and state offices of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). All official County COVID-19 information, including CDC and VDH guidelines on preventing the spread of germs and respiratory diseases can be found by visiting <https://emergency.pwcgov.org/>.

If you are feeling ill with flu-like symptoms that include a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, AND have traveled to a Level 3 travel advisory country OR have been exposed to someone sick with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, you should contact your healthcare provider or local hospital emergency department PRIOR to arriving at the facility. Upon making contact prior to your arrival, report your travel history or contact and symptoms to medical personnel so they can prepare for your arrival.

If your foster child becomes ill with flu-like symptoms, please contact the foster child's social worker immediately. If this should occur after hours, please contact the **non-emergency** police line at 703-792-6500 and ask for the on-call CPS worker. You can provide them with the information, and they will assist you with any needs at that time.

Please know that we appreciate the care you provide to foster children in your care, and, as always, we are here to support you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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