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Dear FCCA Families,

Since March 19, 2020 at midnight, the State of California has been under a stay at home order issued by the Governor. Since that time, our staff has been primarily working from home. The staff at FCCA has continued to work in creative ways to meet the ongoing needs of our families and the children we serve. As our State moves into Stage 2, at varying rates depending on the county one lives, our Agency has moved along with this plan. Our goal has continued to be to keep our staff and families safe and healthy. Effective May 18, 2020, all of our staff have returned to the offices during regular business hours. We do ask that any family needing to come into the office call ahead and schedule an appointment. Although we are open, we are still required to meet the county Public Health orders and ensure we maintain social distancing requirements, among others.

Please continue to remember that if you have a child currently placed in your home, or have a home study approval to accept placement, to notify FCCA immediately if you are impacted in any way by COVID-19. FCCA is subject to mandated reporting regarding any child in placement who is confirmed, or who lives in a household with someone who has been confirmed, as being infected.

FCCA will continue to take the following steps as appropriate:

1. Any FCCA staff showing or reporting any signs of illness will not be allowed to enter or remain in any of our facilities, nor to attend outside meetings or home visits.
2. Prior to any home visit, your social worker will contact you to confirm the appointment, and to inquire whether all persons in the home are healthy; whether any household residents have been exposed to COVID-19 (to the best of your knowledge); and whether anyone in the home has recently traveled outside of the United States or to a specific location with a particularly severe outbreak. If any of these situations apply, or you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, please contact your social worker. We will do our best to complete all required visits in the safest and most effective manner, including video-conferencing. Please be mindful that some visits are not authorized per State regulations to be completed by video and we will determine the safest method of in person visits as needed.
3. FCCA will not conduct any in-person classes through July 2020, but will complete these via video-conference calls. As soon as possible, FCCA will notify each of you regarding the updated training schedule and how to participate in the video-conference meetings. Please contact your local office should you have any questions.

As things continue to evolve, we will adjust these as needed and inform you about any changes. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your local office, your assigned social worker, or to me directly.

Blessings,

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