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Dear FCCA Families,

As many of you have heard, the Governor of California has issued a stay-at-home order, effective midnight March 19, 2020. Updates regarding COVID-19 are also being issued from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), as to best practices for essential businesses, such as FCCA, that must continue to provide services. Based on the latest pronouncements, FCCA is updating our response to this changing event, which is the purpose of this second letter to all of you.

First, if you have a child currently placed in your home, or have a home study approval to accept placement, please 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.

Second, and effective immediately, FCCA will take the following steps:

1. Until further notice, all FCCA staff are now working from home.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. FCCA will not conduct any in-person classes or individual interviews during the month of March and April, but will complete these via video-conference calls. As soon as possible, FCCA will notify each of you regarding the updated training schedule, any changes to your individual appointment schedule, and how to participate in the video-conference meetings.

To summarize, as of today, FCCA will adhere to the Governor's statewide order to shelter in place as much as possible, while continuing to provide essential services to families and children that comply with the COVID-19 guidelines from the WHO, the CDC, and the DPH. 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. Each office has posted a sign on their door, and a recorded message on their regular phone line, telling you how to reach us by phone or email. Meanwhile, FCCA leadership and staff will be praying for God's wisdom, mercy, healing, and provision for all.

Blessings,

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