



WV Birth to Three Safety Protocol for WV Birth to Three Professionals

Safety requirements for professionals entering family homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. All professionals should follow these safety activities for home visits.

Before Going to the Visit:

- Call and complete the family prescreen questions with each family prior to each visit.
 - Has anyone been sick with cough, diarrhea, vomiting or fever in the past 24 hours?
 - Has anyone been exposed to someone with COVID-19?
 - When did this occur (if within the past month, do not make visit)?
 - Is anyone in the house under quarantine?

At the Visit, Before Entering the Home:

- Sanitize or wash your hands before and after each visit.
- Spray or wipe sanitizer on bottom of your shoes before and after the visit.
- Spray or sanitize your bag, pen and other items before and after the visit.
- Wear appropriate PPE – including face covering and when appropriate gloves. Be careful putting on and taking off face coverings. (See CDC flyer on importance of face coverings).
- Wear a large shirt that mostly covers your other clothes.
- Use your elbow or foot to knock on the door – try to avoid using doorbells or doorknockers.

During the Visit:

- Try to maintain a six-foot distance between you and other adults.
- Limit items taken into the home.
- Avoid touching surfaces in the home.
- Do not lay down your pen or papers – maybe carry a vinyl bag that you can sanitize after each visit.
- In good weather, you may want to have visit outside.

After the Visit:

- After each visit, remove and wash outer shirt, dispose of gloves.
- Repeat all this with the next visit.

Of course, if you have a fever or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, do not make the home visit. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 please follow the self-quarantine procedures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). You may also notify the RAU and your teams of your self-quarantine.

Please be smart and have fun on your home visit!!