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Subject: WV Birth to Three Home Safety Protocol Reminder

To:

Dear WV Birth to Three Practitioners and Service Coordinators,

As you are probably aware, there has been an increase in the numbers of COVID -19 cases occurring in states across the nation. It was just a matter of time that West Virginia would be impacted as well.

The CDC announced today (May 20, 2022) that there are three counties in WV that are now in high transmission- Fayette, Kanawha, and Raleigh. The WV Birth to Three Home Safety Protocol requires any service coordinator or practitioner going into a home to wear a mask when a county is in high transmission. This protocol is designed to ensure your safety, your family's safety and the safety of the children and families you serve.

Please take a moment to review the WV Birth to Three Home Safety Protocol by copying and pasting this link into your internet browser:

WVBTT_Home_Safety_Protocol.pdf (wvdhhr.org)

As you plan for home visits next week, you will want to click on the link in the first box on the left in the Home Safety Protocol to check transmission in the county(s) you will be serving before conducting any home visits. As always, you or the family you are serving can decide to wear a mask at anytime as a preventative safety measure even when the county is not in high transmission.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Technical Assistance Specialist, and thank you for the work you do in supporting children and families. May we all move through this next wave with safety and care.

The WV Birth to Three Team