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

**QUESTION:** Yesterday, Governor Justice made a presentation and announced his Executive Order regarding face coverings. Please note, nothing in his order changes the WV Birth to Three policy on face coverings - we still require face coverings for all home visits - and face coverings are required whether the visit occurs indoors or outdoors.

Just as a reminder, we are attaching again the Safety Protocol 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.
  - o Has anyone been sick with cough, diarrhea, vomiting or fever in the past 24 hours?
  - o Has anyone been exposed to someone with COVID-19?
  - o When did this occur (if within the past month, do not make visit)?
  - o 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 – **you must still wear a face covering!**

### **After the Visit:**

- After each visit, remove face covering, outer shirt, dispose of gloves.
- Wash or sanitize your hands and materials.

- 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 that you are not available for visits – at least not available for Face to Face visits. We would appreciate knowing at the state level also – we keep all information confidential!

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

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