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**Children & Family Services Division
Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions**

Q1 I am a worker that supervises an ICPC placement. Should I still be doing face-to-face visits with the child as requested by the sending agency?

Yes, face-to-face visits are still required, but may be completed electronically if necessary. Use the screening tool supplied to foster care case managers to determine whether it is safe to physically visit with the child in the home. If not, then you may complete the visit by electronic means, assuring that attention is given to the quality of the visit.

Q2 Are ND workers still doing face to face visits for ICPC home studies?

Follow the policy direction of the Zones put into place for home visits. Treat the ICPC home study cases the same as a ND foster care/adoption study in determining how you will conduct the study process.

Q3 What if I don't meet the time requirements in completing an ICPC home study?

Extensions will be given to studies between states during the time of this COVID-19 pandemic.

Q4 If we can't get in for fingerprint background checks right now. What should we do?

All Human Service Centers are doing finger printing by appointment only. Again, extensions will be given to the time requirements.

Q5 Can we still send ICPC requests to other states?

Yes, other states are still receiving ICPC requests, but they may not be processed right away.

Q6 Is ND still receiving ICPC's?

Yes, the ICPC Administrator is still processing all ICPC's, both in and out of state.

Q7 What about ND's boarder states ICPC's?

ND ICPC administrator will continue to work closely with our boarder states ICPC administrators on these cases and monitor them closely. If we have questions, both states ICPC administrators will discuss case-by-case. Please remember, use your best judgement and use common sense.

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