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Dear Foster Caregiver:

The Ministry of Children and Family Development is proactively responding to COVID-19, ensuring caregivers, youth, service providers, partners and our staff have the information they need.

Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, is providing daily updates on the COVID-19 virus and its impact in British Columbia. This letter is to provide specific information for you in your role as a caregiver.

Public health information is being updated regularly. Please find the latest information here:

- [BC Center for Disease Control](#)
- [Health Link Web site](#)
- [Health Canada Information](#)
- [Ministry of Children and Family Development Web site](#)

In line with the recent request from Dr. Henry, I encourage you to take preventative measures.

You can stay healthy and prevent the spread of infections by:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and not your hands;
- staying home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

Should you suspect that you or any person in your home is ill as a result of COVID-19, please contact your health care provider or call 811.

If any child or youth in care or the caregiver is confirmed to have COVID-19, please call Provincial Centralized Screening to report this situation at 1 800 663-9122.

It is important to ensure that you have care plans in place in the event you or your care team becomes ill because of COVID-19.

Over the coming week, the ministry will continue to provide updates and directions on the [ministry Web site](#). If you are unable to access any of the websites provided, please talk with your Resource Social Worker.

Sincerely,

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