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Memo to: Child Care Institutions, Group Homes and Child Welfare Agencies

From: Ashley Deckert, Deputy Director, Division of Monitoring

Subject: **COVID-19 Monitoring for POS/Residential ILO/TLP**

On March 10, 2020, The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requested that you submit a COVID-19 Agency Action Plan. By now, most, if not all, of you have provided DCFS with a plan. The time and effort put into crafting, submitting and implementing a plan within the required timeframe is greatly appreciated. Each agency was asked to identify a primary reporter and a backup reporter who would be responsible for sending daily statistics for each site. This notification is to highlight that request and provide additional direction.

To provide insight into the impact of COVID-19 on the employees in your facility and the health of DCFS youth in care at your site, we are requesting that your identified primary reporter fill out the attached form and submit it to DCFS.COVID19MONITORING@illinois.gov and your monitoring team each day.

Our mission is to protect the youth and families we serve and your agency staff. In this great time of need, we cannot stress enough that we are here as a resource and a support. DCFS will share any concerning findings with your agency. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at Ashley.Deckert@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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