

June 26, 2020

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-74**

The purpose of this All County Letter is to notify county child welfare agencies, Title IV-E Agreement Tribes, and juvenile probation departments regarding the extension of prior issued guidance pertaining to foster youth status verifications, placement preservation for children, nonminor dependents, and care providers exposed to, symptomatic of, or positive for, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), reunification assessments, and the documentation of COVID-19 in the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS).



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**GAVIN NEWSOM**  
GOVERNOR

June 26, 2020

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-74

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES  
ALL LICENSED CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES  
ALL LICENSED CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: EXTENSIONS OF PRIOR GUIDANCE PERTAINING TO FOSTER YOUTH STATUS VERIFICATIONS; PLACEMENT PRESERVATION FOR CHILDREN, NONMINOR DEPENDENTS, AND CARE PROVIDERS EXPOSED TO, SYMPTOMATIC OF, OR POSITIVE FOR, COVID-19; REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENTS; AND COVID-19 DOCUMENTATION WITHIN CWS/CMS

REFERENCE: [GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, MARCH 4, 2020](#); [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 20-33](#); [ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) I-31-20](#); [ACIN I-32-20](#); [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 20-33](#); [EXECUTIVE ORDER \(EO\) N-68-20](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to inform county child welfare agencies, Title IV-E Agreement tribes, and juvenile probation departments regarding the extension of prior guidance pertaining to foster youth status verifications, placement preservation for children, nonminor dependents, and care providers exposed to, symptomatic of, or positive for, COVID-19, reunification assessments, and the documentation of COVID-19 within CWS/CMS.

The following guidance is being extended for the duration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020:

- [ACL 20-33](#): Placement Preservation Guidance for County and Tribal Child Welfare Agencies, Probation Departments, and Children's Residential Care Providers in the Event a Child, Non-Minor Dependent, or Care Provider is Exposed to, Presents Symptoms of, or Tests Positive for COVID-19.

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- [ACL 20-58](#): Child Welfare Reunification Assessments During the COVID-19 Related California State of Emergency
- [ACIN I-31-20](#): Documentation of COVID-19 in CWS/CMS.

The following guidance is being extended, pursuant to [EO N-68-20](#), through August 4, 2020:

- [ACIN I-32-20](#): Verification of Foster Care Status to Facilitate Foster Youth Access to Cell Phones to Mitigate the Impacts of COVID-19.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding:

- ACL 20-33, contact [CCR@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CCR@dss.ca.gov) for policy questions, and the duty officer of the Community Care Licensing Division local regional office available at [Children's Residential Regional Office](#) for licensing related questions.
- ACL 20-58, contact the Permanency Policy Bureau at (916) 657-1858 or email [CFSD@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CFSD@dss.ca.gov).
- ACIN I-31-20, contact [CFSD@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CFSD@dss.ca.gov).
- ACIN I-32-20, contact the Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson at (877) 846-1602 or at [fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By***

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