Memorandum

To:          All DCF Staff

From:    Commissioner Vannessa Dorantes

Date:     12/6/2020

Re:         Update on Department Operations Video

**OUR WORK is ESSENTIAL.**

We all have the responsibility to treat it as such.

This [Commissioner's Weekly Video 12-6-20](https://youtu.be/xsMaV0UoGew) emphasizes components of our COVID-19 planning, response and notifications.



**Listen for what we mean by:**

* POSITIVITY RATE
* CULTURE OF SAFETY
* CONTACT TRACING
* TRANSMISSION MITIGATION
* EXPOSURE STRATEGIES

**We also explain:**

* COMMUNICATION
* NOTIFICATIONS
* LEADERSHIP AUDITING
* PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Lastly, we talk about the workplace** *(wherever we conduct face to face work of the agency):*

* PPE  expectations
* Click to reviewè  [Mask Wearing and Close Contact Defined](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCF/Agency/COVID-Emails/Mask-Wearing-and-Close-Contact-Defined.pdf)

This week's data tells the story. Your personal conduct must consider the critical nature of our work and the vulnerability of the population we serve.

That consideration is owed to them and to each other.

**WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER.**

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*" I do my best because I'm*counting on *YOU counting on me…"*

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