



Memorandum

To: All DCF Staff  
 From: Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes  
 Date: 11/1/2020  
 Re: Update on Department Operations and Weekly Video

Welcome to **National Adoption Month!**

As adoptions are being finalized virtually across our state, **stay tuned** Connecticut's Adoption Day will be held in partnership with the Judicial Branch on **11/20/20**

Speaking of collaboration...

**CTDCF** and the **State Department of Education** conducted a webinar entitled, "*Supporting Student Attendance and Engagement During Hybrid or Remote Learning.*"



Click here to [https://youtu.be/IK\\_JnUoTBeg](https://youtu.be/IK_JnUoTBeg).

When we all work together students succeed!

Mandated reporters as **MANDATED SUPPORTERS.**



We are also teaming up to address mental health issues within our communities. This week it was announced that **CTDCF**, **DMHAS** and **DPH** have received 3.5 million dollars in Federal funding to enhance suicide prevention efforts.

A public health alert was also issued this week regarding an uptick in youth suicides to [CT Public Health Alert and Call to Action for Youth Suicide](#).

This pandemic is very difficult to manage for all of us... Learning to cope can be even harder for young people.

Please check on them, provide supports and listen to their fears. We will get through this **TOGETHER!**



As the Careline call volume has increased, courts are hearing more cases and visits are occurring between children and their families, these efforts are taking place while the positivity rate of COVID-19 is increasing in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health has a weekly [COVID-19 Alert Map](#) indicating which cities and towns in Connecticut are currently in the state's four alert levels.

Our triage processes must be guided by the metrics.



@CTDCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes responding to the #MaskUp Twitter challenge from @JoshGeballe and now challenging @CTCorrections@CT\_DDSand all@CTDCFstaff! #MaskUp and send us those pics! #DCF



Orange and red alerts remind us to be **EXTRA** cautious. Planning must take into account geographic alert status, vulnerability of everyone involved and potential for transmission.

Watch our weekly video for more updates to [Commissioner's Weekly Video 11-1-20](#) 📺

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"I do my best because I'm counting on **YOU** counting on me..."  
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We protect ourselves as we protect THEM

