

Memorandum



To: All DCF Staff
From: Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes
Date: November 24, 2020
Subject: CTDCF Staying informed through PPE Videos

We have recognized throughout this pandemic that maintaining our vigilance during our interactions with each other, as well as our families, providers and other members of our community, is critical to ensuring we stay healthy.

As we enter into the holiday season and with cooler temperatures approaching, it is important that we universally recognize our shared responsibility to keep each other safe and healthy. For these reasons, we wanted to resend some of the informational videos that we have produced during our COVID response with input from subject matter experts across the agency to remind us of the basics that remain a priority for everyone.

Please review these PPE videos.

A video produced by CT - KIND entitled, **Healthy Working: A Return to the Workplace**, was developed containing information and needed expectations of staff when entering the office which includes temperature checks, mask wearing, elevator use, frequent handwashing and the practice of following all CDC guidelines when practicing social distancing.

<https://youtu.be/1kaZ5MWRDZ8>

A video on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use entitled, **Protecting Yourself: How to put on and take off PPE**, was developed by the AWD and our Health and Wellness Division to provide guidance on the proper use of PPE. We know our workplace can extend beyond an area office. If you are representing DCF in court, in someone's home or anywhere in the community, masks **MUST** be worn at all times while performing functions that involve in person interactions with another person. If staff encounter individuals who refuse to wear a mask, staff must wear a **surgical/procedural mask AND a face shield** and stand more than 6 feet away from the individual to limit exposure.

<https://youtu.be/EltmyeDr-3A>

Video's entitled, **How to be a COVID Superhero** were developed in both English and Spanish versions to assist our youth when staff are providing in home family visits in order to reduce fears and concerns the youth might have as staff enter their home wearing a mask. The video encourages youth to use their Superhero Tools by frequent handwashing and wearing a mask including an explanation as to why we all need to be safe and keep others safe.

<https://youtu.be/LccE6wDNmcY>

<https://youtu.be/iDuelnIzwm>

A video entitled, **Healthy Working: What to Expect in the Workplace**, was developed by Engineering and the AWD to provide our workforce with guidance on the safety protocols in place to ensure you are clear on the precautions being taken in the DCF area offices and facilities to keep our workforce safe when you return to the office. Topics included in this video: building entry/exit protocols, terminal cleaning and other facility compliance measures, state cleaning protocols and other efforts that ensure we are meeting all CDC requirements when staff are advised to return to the office.

<https://youtu.be/Dn8mGoDw2ok>

Tomorrow, we plan to issue you additional information pertaining to wearing a mask and how to define close contact. Thank you to the Academy for Workforce Development, Engineering, CT-KIND, Health & Wellness with additional support from DCF Administration and Communications

You may direct any questions you have to the DCF COVID email box at DCF.COVID-19@ct.gov

We will get through this **TOGETHER**.



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