

Department of Children and Families

Travel Questionnaire for Children in Foster Care during COVID-19 Effective: October 2, 2020

What is the nature and purpose of the out-of-state travel (vacation, special event, other)?

What are your travel dates?

What state/location are you traveling to?

- Are there any current restrictions (e.g. state or country prohibitions/ travel warnings) at your travel destination?
- Is your travel destination currently experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases?
- Are there specific testing or quarantine requirements at your travel destination?
- If quarantine is required at your destination, will you be able to adhere to quarantine restrictions?

Where will you be staying? (e.g. hotel, vacation home, campground)

- Does this location have any restrictions or guidance that you will need to adhere to?
- Are you staying or traveling with other people (e.g., extended family or family friends)? You will need to provide the Department with the following COVID-19 screening information for each of the other people:
 - Has anyone you are travelling with or at the destination home experienced COVID-19 symptoms: sore throat, body aches, coughing, shortness of breath or a fever of 100.4 °F or higher within the last 14 days?
 - Within the last 14 days, has anyone in the destination home been in close contact (closer than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes without use of a mask) with someone confirmed to have COVID-19?

How will the family be traveling? (Driving, flying, other?)

- If traveling by plane, does the airline have any restrictions? If so, is everyone traveling able to adhere to them?
- If traveling by car, do you have safety precautions and face masks for any stops along the way? (Including gas, stops for food, etc.)
- Are you able to bring sanitizing products (i.e. hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, etc.) with you to utilize?

What is the plan to minimize risk of exposure in your planned activities during your travel? (ability to social distance, PPE access and use, avoidance of gatherings, etc.)

- Do you plan to attend any large gatherings, participating in or attending any activities that would involve larger crowds or groups (e.g., theme parks, movie theaters, birthday parties, BBQs, wedding, funeral, etc.)?
- Will you be able to adhere to social distancing and other CDC recommendations during travel activities?

Beginning August 1, 2020, [the Governor's COVID-19 order on out-of-state travel](#) requires anyone arriving from another state, including Massachusetts residents who have left the state for anything more than transitory travel, to fill out a travel form [\[Massachusetts Travel Form\]](#) and self-quarantine for 14 days unless you:

1. Are coming from a [lower-risk state](#)
2. Can produce, on request, proof of negative test result for COVID-19 from a test administered on a sample taken no longer than 72 hours before your arrival in Massachusetts, or
3. [Meet the exemption criteria](#)

Are you willing and able to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to Massachusetts per the Governor's advisory?

- If not, what are the issues or barriers (i.e. work, childcare, scheduling family time between the children and their birth family/siblings, etc.)?

Have you been facilitating in-person or virtual family time?

- Will you be able to facilitate family time for the foster children and their birth family before, during and after your travels?