

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES CIRCULAR

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To: Child and Family Services, CFS Community Foster Care Providers

Subject: COVID-19 Testing Consent for Children in Foster Care (Clarification)

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Procedure

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The purpose of this circular is to clarify the issue of consent for COVID-19 testing of children residing in foster care. There has been some confusion between consent for testing purposes and consent for COVID-19 vaccinations of children 12 to 17 years who are in care.

The Department of Families has agreed that CFS guardians will follow medical advice and the current Public Health Orders. This means that there is blanket approval for children in care to be tested and foster parents' verbal word is sufficient for testing to proceed.

For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit: www.manitoba.ca/covid19.