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| **Purpose –** |
| In efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services mandates anyone entering New York state from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, **North Carolina**, South Carolina, Texas or Utah to quarantine for 14 days, effective 6/24/2020. Guidance is provided to assist with coordination of ICPC services relating to North Carolina’s children and families.  |
| **Legal Basis -**  |
| Pursuant to 10A NCAC 70C. 0101, any sending agency who intends to place a child into or out of North Carolina shall submit a request to the Division of Social Services, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) office. The Division has the authority to request supporting or additional information necessary to carry out the purpose and policy of the compact and to require assurance that the placement meets all applicable North Carolina child placement statutes. |
| **Guidance -**  |
| * According to the CDC, “quarantine is used to **keep someone who might have been**exposed**to COVID-19 away from others.** Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html>.
* For children placed in North Carolina, local agencies are encouraged to use videoconferencing for monthly case visits at this time. Documentation in the case file should reflect “*due to COVID-19”* and indicate the means of technology used to facilitate the visit, who was present, and areas addressed during the interaction with the child and family.
* For children placed outside of North Carolina, visits are still occurring; however, each state is following mandates outlined in the state’s respective executive orders surrounding COVID-19.
* If there are any unmet needs or areas of concern, local agencies are encouraged to communicate directly with the counter local agency. Please communicate, in writing, to the NC ICPC office for additional support.
* Additional travel advisories and restrictions may occur. NC ICPC office strongly recommends the local agencies contact their assigned ICPC consultant prior to any out-of-state placement or visit to determine if there are any travel restrictions or requirements.
* New ICPC requests can be emailed to Karen Kelly at karen.kelly@dhhs.nc.gov. Follow up correspondence can be sent via email to the assigned ICPC consultant. For any additional guidance or questions, contact Kimaree Sanders at kimaree.sanders@dhhs.nc.gov.
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