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Topic: Adoption/Post Adoption/Intercountry Practice Guidelines

Updated practice guidelines are attached for Adoption, Post Adoption, and Intercountry Adoption, which are based on current recommendations from public health officials.

All of the requirements and time frames set out under the Adoption Regulation apply; however, based on public health advice, activities that require face to face or other approvals that cannot be attained have been suspended or service delivery altered. Home visits are postponed until further notice. During this time, staff can complete home study interviews via telephone or digital platform such as Skype.

Post placement reports may be completed without face to face contact, except in the case of a new residence, which will be deferred.

Post Adoption Services will not include face to face meetings, Clients are encouraged to call or email their inquiries and the requirement of a witness is waived.

Only essential adoption services (private from hospital – Division 2) will occur, and mandatory home visits will follow public health protocols including screening questions and physical distancing. Financial subsidy administrative burdens have been reduced.

Regularly updated information on COVID-19 can be found at www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

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