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**Topic: Update to Practice Guidelines**

Updated practice guidelines are attached for adoptions, post-adoption services and intercountry adoptions, based on current recommendations from public health officials.

The following is a summary of some key changes. Please review the guidelines for complete information.

- Intercountry adoption is considered family reunification and is therefore, “essential travel.” Public health protocols on isolation following travel must be strictly followed.
- Adoption Education Seminars can now be offered online or in-person, following the public health limits for public gatherings or using an interactive format and evaluation process for online education.
- Post placement reports may now be completed via a home visit (following safe home visit guidelines), telephone and/or online interview.

Previous communication and guidance for agency staff about adhering to new protocols respecting COVID-19 remain in place. Staff should continue to follow directions about limiting exposure and follow the service practice guidelines distributed.

The most up to date information on COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>.

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