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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES STATEMENT ON COVID-19

We recognize that this is a challenging time for the community right now and that many are fearful or anxious. Along with carrying out our responsibility to protect Los Angeles County's vulnerable children, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is working to ensure the safety of the families we serve and our staff through a variety of measures.

To help mitigate community spread of COVID-19, the DCFS is implementing an emergency operations response plan that includes additional protocols and measures to protect the health and safety of its staff, parents, youth, caregivers, and service providers.

DCFS Director Bobby D. Cagle is working closely with Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and other departments. Director Cagle is also in frequent communication with the Board of Supervisors to provide updates on mitigation and response efforts.

Additionally, Director Cagle is diligently working with the County to identify additional resources to support the Department to maintain quality child protective services while supporting vulnerable children and families.

DCFS offices are currently closed to the public by order from Supervisor Kathryn Barger, chair of the LA County Board of Supervisors.

During this time, DCFS is increasing its communications with staff, parents, youth, caregivers, and service providers including posting updates on its [website](#) and sharing via its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. For more information, visit our website for COVID-19 updates at <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>.

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