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Children in foster care who missed well-child medical or dental examinations and/or recommended vaccinations because of COVID-19 restrictions must be identified and efforts made to schedule in-person appointments. This includes children who need follow-up after a well-child examination conducted via telemedicine to complete components of the well-child exam that could not be done remotely. Schedule children for the soonest possible appointment based on the schedule of the caregiver and physician. Children entering foster care must have a well-child medical exam within 30 days of entering care and children ages 1 and older must have a dental exam within 90 days of entry unless they had a dental exam within 3 months prior to the date of foster care entry.

Scheduling missed appointments will not be the same for every practice. For example, dental practices were not able to provide routine care until May 29 and may have a backlog of patients. Practices may set aside certain times in the day for well-child visits and may triage appointments based on prioritization guidelines.

Offices will be instituting safety measures to mitigate risk and protect patients and staff. Call ahead to understand what procedures must be followed for an in-person visit. Safety measures may include pre-screening for COVID-19 symptoms on the day of the appointment, limiting the number of people who can accompany the child to the appointment, wearing face coverings and remaining in cars until called to come into the office.

Health Liaison Officers (HLO) are contacting health providers to check on the availability of in-person medical and dental services in the counties they cover and may be able to offer information about availability and safety measures in place for the office. Use the following link to find the HLO who serves a particular county: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/DHHS_HLO_List_528954_7.pdf

Despite best efforts to schedule children for missed and upcoming appointments, timeliness of the exams may be impacted. Continue to document in MiSACWIS when well-child medical or dental appointments cannot be kept timely due to COVID-19 and note the specific reason.