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Effective until June 12, 2020, in-person Foster Care Supportive Visitation (FCSV) services are suspended. FCSV coaches should use alternative methods to engage with parents and workers, including phone, Skype, FaceTime, or other available technology. FCSV coaches should work with families to ensure access to either phone or video chat capabilities whenever possible. Many free apps are available that clients can download; most allow for multiple connections so the parent, child, and visit coach can all participate. Many Nurturing Parent lessons can be adapted to work using technology.

These temporary program changes have been established to address and maintain the safety of individuals involved in FCSV programs contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) health crisis. Although in person visitation is limited, these services remain important to support parent-child relationships and make progress toward reunification.

If FCSV services via technology are not feasible for the parent, services may be suspended with approval of the parent until June 12, 2020 or until all COVID-19 related health concerns are rectified. All COVID-19 related missed visits should be documented in the weekly report to the referring worker and will not be counted against the parent as missed visits.