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Govt. of NCT of Delhi

(State Child Protection Society)

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**Sub: Guidelines for Child Welfare Committees for prevention and control of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19)**

The Department of Women and Child Development, GNCTD in order to ensure minimum physical interactions in the wake of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) hereby issues following guidelines made in consultation with some of Chairpersons, Child Welfare Committees in order to prevent the possible spread of infection among children and staff coming to the committees for production of cases:

1. The follow-up of long term cases of children residing in the Child Care Institutions be done through email. The Child Welfare Committees may not ask the children to be produced unless it is unavoidable.
2. Those children being kept in Child Care Institutions for short stay/night stay need not be sent next day for production before the respective committees. If needed, the concerned CCI can make the child to communicate with CWC through **Skype/Whatsapp** for ensuring compliance as per law.
3. If the Childline has reasons to believe that the child will be restored back to family in a few hours, in such cases they may be advised to send only the case files to CWC while keeping the child in their shelter. This will protect the children in CCIs from exposure.
4. The Child Welfare Committees may refrain from sending the children to those Child Care Institutions which do not have the facility for isolation of new arrivals.
5. At the entry point/entrance of the Child Welfare Committees availability of Hand Sanitizers/Soaps be ensured for all the children, officials, visitors, etc coming to the committee.
6. Rule 19 (14) of the Juvenile Justice Model Rules has provision of functioning of CWC as *"at the time of final disposal of a case, there shall be at least three members present including the Chairperson, and in the absence of Chairperson, a member so nominated by the Chairperson to act as such"*. Hence, if the Child Welfare Committees unanimously desires they may downsize the committee to three members at a time which can be achieved by way of rotation/roaster of duties among the members so that there is minimum travel and exposure to the committee members for their health and well being.

This issues with the prior approval of Director, WCD.

  
**Dr. Nisha Agrawal**  
Deputy Director (CPU)

**Copy to:**

1. All Superintendent/Home In-Charge (Govt./NGO run) Child Care Institutions.
2. All DDOs/District officers DWCD with a request to facilitate availability of Hand Sanitizers/Soaps.
3. All Chairperson, Child Welfare Committees.
4. All District Child Protection Officer, DCPUs

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1. Registrar, Juvenile Justice Committee, Hon'ble Delhi High Court
2. PA to Secretary to Minister (SW & WCD)
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4. S.O to Director, DWCD

  
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