

**Guidelines for in-person visitation pursuant to:  
Fla. Admin. Order Nos. AOSC20-18 and AOSC20-23,  
as amended dated December 21, 2020**

- **During an in-person visitation:**
  - Social distancing of at least six feet shall be practiced.
  - All adults and children over the age of two shall wear a properly fitted mask that covers both the nose and mouth.
    - Surgical masks are preferable.
    - Cloth masks should be at least double layer.
    - Neck gaiters are not acceptable substitutes for masks.
    - A parent may wish to consider wearing a mask with a clear plastic panel, so the child can see the parent's face. A mask with a clear panel should still have a cloth border and double lining, fit firmly over the mouth and nose, fit snugly on the side of the face, and otherwise comply with CDC guidelines for masks, which can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>.
  - Outdoor visitation is preferable to indoor visitation.
    - Parks, playgrounds, and backyards are examples where social distancing can be practiced.
    - Windows should remain open, if possible, in the building where indoor visitation is occurring.
  - If a visit involves eating food, masks should be worn at all times when food is not being consumed.
- **In preparation for an in-person visitation:**
  - At least one hour prior to an indoor visitation, all windows should be open.

- People involved in the visit should put a mask on at least one hour before the visit.
- Windows on vehicles transporting people to a visitation should be open as much as possible and air conditioning should be set not to recirculate the air. More information from the CDC about personal vehicles can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/using-transportation.html#PersonalVehicles>.
- Due to the length of time that COVID-19 lingers on surfaces, items sitting for at least 72 hours without being touched are at less of a need to be cleaned. Therefore, it may be helpful to have a rotation of different boxes of toys to play with on visits. Children can wash their hands before and after handling the toys. However, children may put toys in their mouths and some toys are harder to clean than others.
- **After an in-person visitation:**
  - In a building in which visitation has occurred, windows should remain open for at least one hour following the visit to allow for more air flow in the building.
  - People remaining in a building after visitation has occurred there should continue to wear their masks for an hour after the visit to allow any virus in the air to dissipate.
- **Persons who intend to be present during an in-person visitation:**
  - If a person is experiencing symptoms, he/she should notify the case manager to communicate this fact and call the health department and get tested for COVID-19.
  - Persons who have been in congregate settings, including those who have recently been released from incarceration, shall quarantine for at least 14 days prior to any in-person visitation.