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Dear Foster and Kinship Caseworkers:

Subject: Non-Medical Masks for Caregivers and Children or Youth in Care

Albertans are encouraged to wear non-medical masks in public when it is difficult to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres at all times. In support of caregivers, enclosed are disposable *non-medical masks* for you to distribute to them. These are similar to those available to all Albertans at various fast-food drive-through locations.

The non-medical masks are packaged four masks per package. We are asking you to ensure that your caregivers receive one package of four masks for each of themselves, as well as one package for each child or youth in their care. As Children's Services was able to access masks only for caregivers and children in care, biological children or other residents in the home are NOT included.

Non-medical masks are different than Personal Protective Equipment. When distributing these masks, use the enclosed information sheet to discuss with your caregivers the reasons for using them and the proper use of non-medical masks. Print and leave a copy of the enclosed information sheet with caregivers for their reference. Please also print and leave a copy with them of the Alberta Health Services poster [How to Wear a Non-Medical Mask](#).

Here is a further link on guidance for wearing non-medical masks:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-guidance-for-wearing-non-medical-masks.pdf>

This communication and the enclosed information sheet are located on the CI Portal [Click Here](#) and on the ALIGN website at <https://alignab.ca/> for further reproduction to share with caregivers.

Thank you for your assistance with this important task as we begin our re-launch of regular casework practice

Yours truly,

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