



Department of Health

To: Vermont Home Health Agencies

From: Breena Holmes, MD, Division Director for Maternal and Child Health Division

Date: March 21, 2020

Re: Guidance on Essential Home Health Service Delivery for the Maternal and Child Health Population.

On Thursday March 20th, Governor Scott shared that COVID-19 is now community spread, meaning anyone in Vermont, not just recent international travelers, may be a carrier of the virus.

To minimize the exposure of newborns and children living with medical complexity to COVID-19, and to minimize exposure of older residents to COVID-19, the Vermont Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Division recommends that home health nurses providing essential services in the home to newborns, infants and children be solely dedicated to this population of patients. Nurses who are dedicated to medically-complex newborns, infants and children should not work with adult patients for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak.