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There are new comments from a https://www.buncombecounty.org/letstalk user.

Let's Talk

This email was received from a user of the Buncombe County Website.

Name:
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Employee's COVID-19 Protection
Questions / Comments:
Hello, I am a CPS worker for Buncombe Co. and I have serious concerns about the guidance we have been given for our ongoing contacts with families. When our COVID-19 response started, we were told that we needed one contact for the month of March with our families who are open for on going services. Of course, we would respond to emergencies as needed, but the expectation was one face to face for the month. Now for April, that has been bumped to 2 times a month for all families. I, as well as all of my coworkers completely understand our duty to serve and be available for our families and these concerns are not being voiced as a way to get out of work. These concerns are out of legit fear for my safety, my family's safety and the safety of all of the families I am serving. This month should not be a time to increase contacts. COVID is hitting hard right now, and it is only expected to get worse. Us being out and making home visits that are not due to an emergency is putting hundreds of people at substantial and unnecessary risk. Asheville was just on the news last night as one of the places predicted to see a spike ("the next wave") over the next couple weeks. I really feel that this is an extremely critical time, even more so than it was in mid Marc, and I feel like our health officials would agree. We are HHS, the same people telling everyone to stay home and be safe, yet we are not following those instructions. Thank you for your time. Sorry I do not feel comfortable leaving my name.