



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Governor Tony Evers / Secretary Kevin A. Carr

Division of Juvenile Corrections / Administrator's Office

**DATE:** May 15, 2020

**TO:** County Partners

**FROM:** Casey Gerber, ICJ Compact Administrator

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update relating to Interstate Compact for Juveniles

As everyone is undoubtedly aware, the Wisconsin Safer at Home Order was extended by Governor Evers until May 26, 2020; however, the WI Supreme Court did not uphold this Order. This memo is intended to provide clarification of the WI Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), Interstate Compact for Juvenile's (ICJ) current operating procedures based upon the Supreme Court's decision. Please be aware while the Governor's Order is not in effect, many individual counties throughout WI have instituted their own county-wide Safer at Home Orders and those need to be adhered to.

WI public schools remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. In person field and office contacts by WI Local Workers and DJC Agents remain limited to **emergency contacts**, and those contacts are being conducted via telephone, videoconferencing, or other technology. All non-essential travel remains suspended. Any exceptions should be carefully considered prior to submitting to the WI ICJ Office. If you have a question whether or not a travel permit would be appropriate, please contact Joy Swantz, WI ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator by calling 608-240-5931 or emailing [joy.swantz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:joy.swantz@wisconsin.gov).

The Commission's website ([www.juvenilecompact.org](http://www.juvenilecompact.org)) continues to serve as a hub for information regarding state-specific restrictions. ICJ Offices throughout the nation continue to share information on this hub to reflect the ever changing response to COVID-19.

The WI ICJ Office continues to focus on balancing the safety and well-being of the youth we serve, as well as those of their families, victims, staff, and communities. Please know we will continue to update you as our response to COVID-19 changes. It is imperative we continue to work together to limit the spread of this devastating virus. Let us all remain vigilant as we move forward in these uncertain times so as to not undo the excellent progress the great State of WI and its citizens have made in flattening the curve.

Cc: DOC/DJC Management staff  
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