

33 V.S.A. 5319 **Parent-child contact and contact with siblings and relatives**

(c) Parent-child contact may be modified by stipulation or upon motion of a party or upon the Court's own motion pursuant to section 5113 of this title.

Add the following temporary provision:

During the temporary period...COVID-19 related emergency...

In addition to the existing factors to be considered in determining when parent-child contact should be modified, the Court shall consider the totality of circumstances around risk of exposure to COVID-19 inherent in a child moving between their foster home to visits elsewhere in the community, including, but not limited to, recommendations of the Vermont Department of Health regarding social distancing, and staying home for all but the most essential tasks to decrease the spread of contagion, and specific risks to the child, the parent, the visit supervisor, and/or the foster parent and their respective household members. The Court may consider the current circumstances of any participant in parent-child contact in terms of their inability or unwillingness to comply with the Vermont Department of Health's specific recommendations around reducing the spread of COVID-19.