



## 2019 CPMS & COVID-19

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The [2019 Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#) provide critical actions to keep children safe and support children and families' well-being in infectious disease settings like the current COVID-19 pandemic.

### What parts of the 2019 CPMS are applicable in COVID-19 outbreaks?

The **whole of the 2019 CPMS are applicable in COVID-19 outbreaks**, and specific guidance is provided on key actions in infectious disease outbreaks in most standards. See icon:



Child protection and humanitarian actors are encouraged to analyze the outbreak's effects on the well-being and protection of children, their families and communities, and prioritize key actions according to the context and stage of the pandemic. Preparedness and response are key; however, we must also be planning ahead for the secondary impacts of the pandemic on children's right to protection (i.e. family separation for economic reasons, worst forms of child labour, etc). Don't forget to consult all four pillars of the CPMS.

### How can the 2019 CPMS help strengthen protection of children in COVID-19 outbreaks?

The 2019 CPMS can help child protection and humanitarian actors in COVID-19 outbreaks to:

- Strengthen child protection response strategies in line with the socio-ecological model (See [Pillar 3, Standard 14](#)) and with integrated approaches to mental health and psychosocial distress in children of all ages and their caregivers ([Standard 10](#))
- Advocate with other sectors, clusters and coordination groups to ensure multi-sectoral preparedness and response plans are child protection sensitive and include integrated approaches, particularly to child protection and health (see [Pillar 4](#), especially [Standard 24: Health and Child Protection](#))



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- Guide capacity building for humanitarian actors on new approaches (e.g. on [Standard 16](#): Strengthening family and caregiving environments)

Collaborate with camp management and shelter colleagues to ensure the protection of children who are refugees, migrating or displaced ([Standards 27](#) and [28](#))

### **How can we roll out the 2019 CPMS when in-person events are prohibited?**

- Hold a webinar to introduce What's New in the 2019 CPMS and how they can be applied in infectious disease outbreaks (you will find facilitation materials on the Alliance website)
- Use the 2019 CPMS as a guide in adapting or drafting the inter-agency child protection response plan
- Organize online discussion groups with field level colleagues on how to adapt locally the Child Protection and multisectoral response in line with 2019 CPMS; consider the online expanded table of indicators
- Host online learning events on new standards like Strengthening Family & Caregiving Environments, Alternative Care or Justice for Children
- Use Pillar 4 to promote integrated approaches and guide advocacy with governments, humanitarian country teams, and other sectors

### **How can I receive more support in using the 2019 CPMS in COVID-19 outbreaks?**

Contact the global CPMS Working Group at [cpms.wg@alliancecpha.org](mailto:cpms.wg@alliancecpha.org). Visit the Alliance website at: [https://alliancecpha.org/en/CPMS\\_home](https://alliancecpha.org/en/CPMS_home).