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Message from Rachael Green
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Good afternoon everyone

We are almost at the end of another busy week.

From Monday 18 May 2020, we will see a further easing of restrictions, including the gradual reopening of eating and drinking establishments, swimming pools, libraries and fitness centres. It is also expected that the Western Australian workforce will return to their workplaces.

As our Director General announced yesterday, this also means that Communities staff who have had extended home-based arrangements in place will begin returning to the workplace.

Further to this, the Premier announced today that all Western Australian public school students are required to return to school starting next week. This follows a review of the current arrangements and health advice, which has determined schools are safe for staff and students.

Now, for today's practice updates.

In the disability and child protection space:

- How coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions might be impacting on children in care and people with a disability

In the child protection space:

- Children returning to school 18 May 2020

In the housing space:

- Public Housing and Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH) - COVID-19

Take care.

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