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- (A) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency in writing prior to allowing any person to reside for more than two weeks in the foster home.
- (B) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours in one hour of the caregiver gaining the knowledge of any of the following circumstances involving a foster child:
 - (1) A serious injury or illness involving medical treatment of a foster child;
 - (2) The death of a foster child;
 - (3) Unauthorized absence of a foster child from the home;
 - (4) Removal of a foster child from the home by any person or agency other than the placing agency, or attempts at such removal;
 - (5) Any involvement of a foster child with law enforcement authorities.
- (C) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours or the next working day when any fire requiring the services of a fire department occurs within the home.
- (D) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency and any agency which has placed a foster child in the foster home within twenty-four hours when the foster home becomes uninhabitable for any reason.
- (E) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours or the next working day of any of the other following circumstances:
 - (1) Any impending change in the marital status of the foster caregiver or in the household occupancy of the home;
 - (2) Any serious illness or death in the household.
- (F) A foster caregiver shall inform the recommending agency at least four weeks prior to a planned move of the foster caregiver.
- (G) A foster caregiver shall inform the recommending agency within thirty days in writing if the foster caregiver is certified to operate a type B family day care home.

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(G)(H) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours of any charge of any criminal offense brought against the caregiver or any resident of his home. If the charges result in a conviction, the foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours of the conviction. Failure to notify the agency in either of these circumstances shall result in the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) seeking an order to revoke the caregiver's certification to operate a foster home.

- (H)(I) Pursuant to section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code, a foster caregiver shall also notify the recommending agency in writing within twenty-four hours if a resident of the foster caregiver's home is at least twelve years of age, but less than eighteen years of age, and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed in appendix A to this rule, or has been adjudicated to be a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would have constituted such a violation. The notification is also required for any conviction or adjudication of delinquency resulting from a violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in appendix A to this rule. If the recommending agency learns that a foster caregiver has failed to comply with this paragraph, it shall notify ODJFS and ODJFS shall revoke the foster caregiver's certification to operate a foster home.
- (I)(J) Prior to the expiration date of a foster home certificate, a caregiver shall submit JFS 01331, "Notice of Expiration and Reapplication for a Foster Home Certificate" (rev. 1/200312/2006), to the recommending agency.
- (J)(K) Failure of a foster caregiver to submit the reapplication form prior to the expiration date of the current foster home certificate shall cause the foster home certificate to expire.
- (K)(L) A foster caregiver may voluntarily terminate a foster home certificate for any reason by providing written notice of intent to terminate and the effective date of termination to the recommending agency.

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