

**SUBJECT: Passport Operations in Response to Covid-19** 

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The purpose of this F.Y.I. is to inform staff that due to public health measures in response to COVID-19, the Office of Child Support Enforcement Passport Denial team and the Department of State are only accepting passport denial release letters for life-or-death emergencies until further notice.

However, passport denial withdrawals (withdrawals and/or PAS (exclusion code)) are still being processed in the Child Support Portal on a daily basis.

The Passport Denial procedures can be found in the PORT at the following location: *ENFORCMENT > PASSPORT DENIAL PROCEDURES*. More information about passport operations in response to COVID-19 may be found in the U.S. Department of State website: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/passport-covid-19.html

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