

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE OUR HOME VISITS?

A PRINTABLE STORY

To minimize the spread of COVID-19, social interaction has been limited, including visits from home educators. For children, this abrupt disruption to routine can feel confusing and scary. This simple story uses age-appropriate language to answer the question, “Why Can’t We Have Our Home Visits?”

Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor Abbi Kruse developed this resource to answer the question, “Why Can’t We Have Our Home Visits?” for students at her own early learning center in Madison, Wisconsin.

For children (and adults), predictability and routine feel safe. Sudden change is often scary and leaves children feeling anxious. Anxiety is soothed with information, so it’s helpful to answer children’s questions and explain why their usual routines have changed.

However, talking to young children about COVID-19 is challenging, especially when we remain worried and uncertain ourselves. This simple printable story gives you the reassuring language and age-appropriate information to help children understand why they can’t have their home visits right now.

Remember, too, that reading a story can always represent a precious moment of connection. Be present as you read the story with your child, enjoying your time together. Connection translates into increased cooperation, willingness, and impulse control. During these unprecedented times, connection with our loved ones is more valuable than ever.

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**Once a week
my home
educator
visits my
home.**



My family and home educator learn and play together.



My home educator loves spending time with me and my family!



My home educator can't visit right now.



**In our community there are a lot
of other children and people.**



**When a lot a of people are
together, they sometimes share
their sneezes and coughs.**



Sharing sneezes and coughs can make everyone sick.



I am staying home until all my friends and family are healthy.



While I am home, my home educator calls to talk about fun ideas for learning and spending time with my family.



**When everyone
is healthy,
we can have
visits again.**



My home educator misses me and my family.

