Ohio Administrative Code
Rule 5101:2-7-14 Required notification.
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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 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 or an attempted removal of a foster child from the home by any person or agency other than the placing agency.

(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 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.

(3) Any fire or other incident, requiring the services of a fire department or emergency personnel occurs at or within the home.
(4) The foster home becomes uninhabitable for any reason.

(D) A foster caregiver shall inform the recommending agency at least four weeks prior to a planned move of the foster caregiver.

(E) 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.

(F) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours of the caregiver gaining the knowledge of any charge of any criminal offense brought against the caregiver or any adult 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.

(G) A foster caregiver shall notify the recommending agency within twenty-four hours of any charge or complaint brought against any resident of the foster caregiver's home who is at least twelve years of age, but less than eighteen years of age for committing an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a criminal offense.

(H) 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.

(1) If the recommending agency learns that a foster caregiver has failed to notify the agency, the agency shall notify ODJFS and recommend ODJFS seek an order to revoke the foster caregiver's certification to operate a foster home.

(2) If the recommending agency learns that a prospective foster caregiver has failed to notify the agency, the agency shall notify ODJFS and recommend ODJFS deny the foster caregiver's
certification to operate a foster home.

(I) 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.