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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention Weekly Update

The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's (IICEI) Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup met again last week. They received updates on priority items, discussed rising positivity rates, and reviewed potential responses to changing tiers. Subgroups continue to meet in order to address the identified priorities and telehealth and communication objectives have been moved to IICEI workgroups.

As of Saturday, there will be nine regions (Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11) that are implementing mitigation strategies. The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) continues to be the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities currently restricted and permitted within each region. With all regions experiencing increases in positivity rates, it is imperative that early interventionists follow the Bureau's guidance. Consistent screening, honest reporting, and diligent use of personal protective equipment and hand washing are our best opportunities to mitigate risk to all system stakeholders. The [screening checklist](#) has recently been updated for clarity and can be found on the EITP website.

The Bureau is currently seeking the Illinois Department of Public Health's input on the overall plan for EI services and our response to mitigation restrictions. Continue to monitor the EI Provider Connections website for updates.

The plan for distributing a limited supply of face masks to providers and CFCs is nearly finalized. More information about how these supplies can be accessed will be provided soon.

Please continue to monitor the [Provider Connections](#) website often as all updates to policy and procedure will be posted here. The [EITP website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, and the [EI Clearinghouse](#) website should also be monitored for information and resources.

Please continue to monitor the changing conditions in your region. Awareness is a critical step in stopping the spread. We are stronger together!