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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

From: Ann Freiburg, Chief *AmF*
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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup met again on January 12, 2021. The Department of Human Services' liaison to the Department of Public Health's vaccine initiative shared information on their plan and gathered workgroup member feedback. EI providers, along with other early childhood personnel, will be included in Phase 1B of Illinois' vaccination plan. Certain early intervention personnel may have already begun receiving vaccines due to meeting a [qualifying designation in Phase 1A](#). Vaccinations for [1B personnel](#) will begin based on availability in their county. Additional information about the state's vaccination plan can be found here: <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>. We continue to recommend contacting your local county health department for additional details.

For those not able to attend the Early Childhood Workforce Town Hall on Vaccine Distribution and Federal Relief Funding, the slides, a recording of the presentation and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be distributed through multiple websites after the webcast.

The Bureau continues to solidify its plan for PPE distribution and electronic signature use for early intervention documents.

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. *We encourage everyone to continue to physically distance, wear a mask, and wash their hands.*

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.

We continue to be impressed by the dedication of our workforce during this challenging time. Thank you for all you do for infants, toddlers, and families!