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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

Vaccinations for Priority Group 1B continue. Vaccine distribution is very localized, so you will need information specific to your county/region of the State. To find out where you can get a vaccine, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>. You may also access information from your local county health department: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/contact-us/idph-regional-health-departments>. If you live in the city of Chicago, visit <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid19-vaccine/home/latest-updates.html>.

Two infographics about the vaccine have been developed. You can find one about vaccination facts [here](#) and one about getting the shot [here](#).

As more people get vaccinated, the closer we get to returning to a pre-pandemic normal. **Getting vaccinated affords a critical layer of protection against the virus but DOES NOT change the maximum of 10 EI families to whom you can provide in-person services.** Even after being vaccinated, you should continue **wearing a mask, washing your hands, and maintaining a minimum of six feet between you and other people whenever possible.**

The EI Clearinghouse has developed some [family videos](#) about the use of live video visits. In addition, some of the [tip sheets for families](#) have been updated based on feedback from families and changing system circumstances.

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. All regions are now in Phase 4, with no additional mitigations being utilized. For more details about approved activities within each tier, review the [updated plan](#).

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.

Stay safe and know that we appreciate all you do for infants, toddlers, and families!