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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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

The Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup did not meet this week, but subgroups continued to meet. The large workgroup standing call will resume again next week to review data, receive subgroup updates on identified priorities, and respond to emerging needs. A Frequently Asked Question document for families is currently under review within IDHS.

It is critical that providers monitor changing conditions within their respective regions as we now have a region that is employing the first tier of mitigation strategies. The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) continues to be the best source of information on regional conditions and the activities permitted within each Phase of the Restore Illinois plan. More information about the early intervention activities permitted within each phase and tier is currently being revised. If you have additional questions about the guidance for reopening Illinois' EI system, please submit your questions at: DHS.EIQuestions@Illinois.gov.

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

We truly appreciate the dedication of all the stakeholders who have continued to support families through this difficult time. We continue to work on providing the high-quality services and supports to families, while also minimizing the risk and potential spread of COVID-19.