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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention Reopen Workgroup met again this week. They reviewed data, discussed the Governor's proposed budget, highlighted the importance of continued communication with primary referral sources, raised questions, and received updates on ongoing needs. The Bureau of Early Intervention (EI) has requested feedback from their contacts about what information/conditions would be necessary to expand the number of families that can be seen in person.

The Bureau of EI was made aware that the IRS introduced new income reporting forms for calendar year 2020. With new IRS reporting changes, EI Payees could have their earnings reported on one or more different 1099 versions beginning calendar year 2020. EI Payees can check the specific 1099 forms available to them at <https://illinoiscomptroller.gov/taxforms/vendor-1099-forms/>. For any questions regarding these changes, EI Payees should consult their individual tax experts as neither the Bureau nor the Illinois Department of Human Services is able to provide any guidance regarding tax preparation or reporting.

The vaccine for COVID-19 continues to be an important tool for helping us get back to normal. Vaccine distribution is very localized, so you will need information specific to your county/region of the State. To find 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>. Quarantine guidance for vaccinated individuals was recently updated. Information about these changes can be found by visiting the [CDC website](#).

The [Illinois Department of Public Health website](#) continues to be the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities currently restricted and permitted within each region. For more details about approved activities within each tier, review the [updated plan](#).

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!