To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

The Interagency Council on Early Intervention (EI) Reopen EI workgroup will meet again next Tuesday. They will be reviewing the most recent feedback from our Illinois Department of Public Health contacts about the possibility of expanding the number of families that can be seen in person. All changes will be posted to the Provider Connections website once approved.

The Bureau appreciates those who have reached out about an emerging issue. Several EI Providers have been sending proof of vaccination information to Child and Family Connections (CFC) offices. **CFC offices will not be tracking or using this information.** The Bureau requests that providers stop sharing this information with CFCs as it is protected health information and should be kept confidential. If you have questions about this, or other issues, remember that you may submit these questions at: DHS.EIQuestions@illinois.gov. The Bureau continues to monitor these questions to identify information needs.


The [Illinois Department of Public Health website](https://www2.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?nid=6544) 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](https://www2.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?nid=6544). This week, the Governor released new information about higher capacities and increased business operations.

Monitor the [Provider Connections website](https://www2.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?nid=6544) often as all updates to policy and procedure will be posted here. The [EITP website](https://www2.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?nid=6544) and Facebook page, and the [EI Clearinghouse website](https://www2.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?nid=6544) should also be monitored for information and resources.

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