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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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

We encourage all providers to review the most recent updates to serving families in Early Intervention (EI). It was announced previously that the Illinois Department of Public Health approved an increase in total in-person services from 10 to 20. For additional details, see the [updated guidance](#). Additional information for families ([updated FAQ](#) and [Determining What's Right for my Family](#)) has been posted as well. We are still asking families to complete a survey on Live Video Visit use in early intervention. Families can access this survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Last week the Bureau announced the availability of K-N95 masks for EI Payees. We want to remind everyone to be sure to request the supply for your staff before **Friday, April 16, 2021**. You can find more information about this opportunity [here](#). EI Payees can request masks via this [link](#). The request form has been updated to allow for those Payees headquartered out of the State of Illinois boundaries to submit a request for PPE for staff whose work is being performed in Illinois only. You can contact the EI Clearinghouse using the information on the notice if you have any questions.

Please support the mitigation of COVID 19 and receive the vaccine as it is the most effective way to helping us get back to normal. Remember that most vaccine distribution is localized but there are also [facilities](#) that will serve any Illinois citizen. 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 at <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>.

As we begin to see positivity rates increasing again, please remember that 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 region. For details about approved activities, review the [updated plan](#).

Please continue to visit the [Provider Connection's website](#) for any updates to policy and procedure. The [EITP's website](#) and [Facebook page](#), and the [EI Clearinghouse's website](#) should also be monitored for information and resources for you as well as the families you serve.

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