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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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

Though the state remains in Phase 5, with no statewide or regional mitigation strategies being implemented, we are beginning to see troubling trends, e.g. decreasing hospital bed availability and increasing COVID-19 patients in the hospital, in a few regions. As a result, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of continuing the strategies outlined in the latest [revised plan](#) for EI service delivery posted June 23, 2021 that have been useful for mitigating the spread of this virus. **We recommend that everyone continue wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining physical distance.** To the degree possible, we also recommend providing services in well-ventilated indoor spaces or outdoors. We must all do our part to mitigate the spread of the virus to prevent a resurgence.

If you need information about where you can get a vaccine, visit: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>. As a reminder, the vaccine provides an important level of protection. Since no vaccine is 100% effective at preventing illness, there will be a small percentage of the vaccinated population that contracts the virus. We must do all we can to protect the health of all our stakeholders.

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](#).

Monitor the [Provider Connections website](#) for updates to policy and procedure. [The EITP website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, and the [EI Clearinghouse](#) website should also be monitored for information and resources.

Thank you for continuing to make decisions that maximize the safety of our entire community!