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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention Weekly Update

The Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup met this week for the last time under its current structure. As mentioned earlier, this workgroup will be part of the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's advisory efforts as of October 2020. Subgroups continue to meet and address the identified priorities. The Bureau is grateful to all who have contributed their time and expertise to reopen our system in a thoughtful and safe manner.

The [in-person guidance](#) for steps to take after confirmation of a positive case has been updated. It clarifies how notification of those who have been in close contact with a positive person will be handled.

We still have two regions, 4 (Metro East) and 7 (Kane/Kendall), that are employing tiered mitigation strategies to combat the resurgence in positive cases. The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) continues to be the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities currently restricted and permitted within each region. Additional information about how these mitigation strategies impact early intervention activities is still under revision.

The Bureau of Early Intervention is finalizing a plan for distributing a limited supply of face masks to providers and CFCs. More information about accessing these supplies will be provided soon.

Thank you to those who completed the Retention Payments survey before the deadline. The Bureau has worked feverishly to process these payments and hopes they help retain as many members of our dedicated workforce as possible during these challenging times.

Please 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.

We continue to be grateful for the collaboration between all stakeholders during this difficult time. Due to this, we have been able to continue to support families while minimizing risk to all stakeholders.