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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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

The Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup will officially move to the new structure under the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's (IICEI) advisory efforts as of October 2020. There are plans to continue to meet and coordinate subgroups that will address the identified priorities. As with all workgroups under the IICEI, the participation of diverse members allows feedback from multiple groups to ensure we are identifying and analyzing the barriers that arise.

The [in-person guidance](#) has been shared with the Illinois Department of Public Health for considerations on additional updates. As updates are provided, the guidance will be adjusted and posted on the EI Provider Connections website as quickly as possible.

Following the [Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan](#), there are currently no regions required to implement mitigation strategies! 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 mitigation may impact early intervention activities is still under revision.

The Bureau of Early Intervention is still 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. Payments are moving through the process. The goal continues to 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 recognize the dedication that each provider and stakeholder bring to this work and are truly humbled by the continued support. Please continue to stay safe while we address each challenge together!