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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 has now officially moved under the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's (IICEI) advisory efforts. Subgroups are planned to continue to meet in order to address the identified priorities. Ongoing membership is being evaluated.

The Bureau continues to seek the Illinois Department of Public Health's input on the overall plan for early intervention services and will be consulted on any additional updates or future guidance. Continue to monitor the [EI Provider Connections](#) website for updates. Recently posted updates include joint [Transition Guidance](#) and a [memo](#) that was sent to primary referral sources.

As of today, there is only one region (Region 1) implementing 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 strategies impact early intervention activities is still being formulated.

The plan for distributing a limited supply of face masks to providers and CFCs is nearly finalized. More information about how these supplies can be accessed will be provided soon.

All provider Retention Payments have been processed. We appreciate everyone's patience as we worked through the various pieces of the process.

Please continue to monitor the [EI 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 are grateful for the continued support of our stakeholders. We truly are stronger together!