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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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

The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup will meet again on January 26, 2021. As mentioned previously, EI providers, along with other early childhood personnel, will be included in Phase 1B of Illinois' vaccination plan. Vaccinations for [1B personnel](#) are planned to begin on Monday, January 25, 2021. Additional information about the state's vaccination plan can be found [here](#). We continue to recommend contacting your local county health department for additional details.

For those not able to attend the Early Childhood Workforce Town Hall on Vaccine Distribution and Federal Relief Funding, the [PowerPoint](#) and the [recording](#) of the presentation can now be accessed.

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. As of yesterday, there was only one region that was still required to employ tier 3 mitigation strategies. It is important to stay informed about your regional conditions. While these don't currently impact how early intervention services are delivered, engaging in only permitted activities outside of work improves our chances of mitigating risk and keeping all system stakeholders safe. For more details about approved activities within each tier, review the [updated plan](#).

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 impressed by the dedication of our workforce during this challenging time. Thank you for all you do for infants, toddlers, and families!