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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 tomorrow, January 12, 2021. There are several important links below with important information that we want to highlight:

The Bureau is working closely with IDHS leadership, IDPH, and local health departments to best determine and learn when early interventionists will be vaccinated. The [current plan](#) regarding vaccination, can be referenced here you're your information. We recommend contacting your local county health department for further details. Information about the plan can be found here: <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>.

In addition, an Early Childhood Workforce Town Hall on Vaccine Distribution and Federal Relief Funding will be held on January 15th. More information about this event can be found on the [Provider Connections website](#).

Also, a plan for PPE distribution is nearing completion. More information about this should be available soon. The Bureau is also making progress on access to electronic signature use for early intervention documents.

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. The entire state is currently implementing Tier 3 mitigation strategies through at least January 9th.

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 want to wish you all a happy and healthy new year! With vaccinations on the way, we are confident we are turning a corner and we are looking ahead to better days with hope and positivity. We are so appreciative of all that you do on behalf of the children and families we serve.