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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

From: Ann Freiburg, Chief *AMF*  
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Re: Release of Executive Order 2021-20 (COVID Executive Order 87)

The Governor's Office [Illinois Executive Order 2021-20 \(COVID Executive Order 87\)](#) released last week describes vaccine requirements for "Health Care Workers" and "Health Care Facilities" or "School Personnel" and "School" and includes definitions of those terms.

With regard to Early Intervention (EI), the definition of "health care facility", "health care worker", "school personnel" and "school" will be the determining factor that guides the compliance for each individual provider, service coordinator or other staff working in the EI system. Each EI Payee and/or Child & Family Connections (CFC) office worker should determine whether they are present at a "Health Care Facility" or "School" for more than a short period of time and whether moments of close proximity to others on site are more than fleeting.

- If the EI Payee or CFC worker is present at a "Health Care Facility" or "School" for more than a short period of time and whose close physical proximity to others on site is more than fleeting, then the Payee/CFC must comply with the vaccine requirements (please see the [Executive Order](#) for details).
- If the EI Payee or CFC worker is NOT present at a "Health Care Facility" or "School" for more than a short period of time and whose close physical proximity to others on site is fleeting, then this Executive Order does NOT directly apply to the EI Payee or CFC worker. For the Payee/CFC who does not have staff meeting the definitions listed in the Executive Order, the Payee/CFC may choose to impose similar requirements of the Executive Order at their discretion by requiring vaccinations or frequent testing of staff.

Every person working in the EI system is responsible for determining the description of their Payee and/or CFC and complying with the Executive Order. Nothing in this Executive Order will make any changes in service delivery as established in the most

recent Service Guidelines, which still require masking for in-person services as well as continued social distancing and proper sanitation. Nothing unnecessary should be brought into a home/child care such as toy bags or other personal items. Outdoor service delivery is still an option and masks are optional only if proper social distancing and low attendance is also met for the service delivery.

Please monitor the [Provider Connections' website](#) for updates to policy and procedure. Also continue to monitor the EI Training Program's website and [Facebook](#) page as well as the [EI Clearinghouse's website](#) for information and resources.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please send any questions to [DHS.EIQuestions@Illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.EIQuestions@Illinois.gov).

Thank you for continuing to make decisions that maximize the safety of our entire community!