

Illinois Early Intervention COVID-19 Protocols

Early Intervention has utilized information from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make important decisions about the best ways to support children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The practices implemented may change as the impact of COVID-19 has changed since 2020, specifically with recommendations on who can be vaccinated. Our ongoing goal is to protect all children and adults in the home, particularly those that are more vulnerable to contracting the virus.

How Early Intervention supports families during the Pandemic



1. A phone call prior to your child's in-person visit to assess risk to your family—questions include health status of family members, your doctors' recommendations for you/your child regarding in-person services, your preference for in-person services versus a Live Video Visit (LVV). We call this a [Family Risk Screening Checklist](#).
2. Options for in-person or LVV based on the results of the call and the percentage of COVID-19 positivity in your community.
3. The early interventionist visiting your home can wear a mask, should maintain social distancing, and use infection control measures.

How families support Early Intervention during the Pandemic

1. Keep providers updated on your family health status by calling with important health changes of family members.
2. Work with your early intervention provider(s) to agree upon the preferences regarding wearing a mask during the visit and how sessions should occur.
3. Understand that last minute schedule changes happen due to the health status of the family and the early interventionist and others on their caseloads.



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