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To: All Early Intervention Providers

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RE: Information and Resources on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The Bureau of Early Intervention (EI) would like to share some valuable information as it related to the EI service delivery and the outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus.

It is important to know that the EI Program supports families, children, EI providers and Service Coordinators (SC) who are working so closely together. But that said, it is important that the actions match the individual situation. There is nothing prohibiting an EI provider or SC to ask simple, fact-finding questions to ALL families they serve regarding recent travel to affected areas or interactions with anyone who traveled to affected areas. Again, if the questions are going to be asked, simply ensure they are asked equally to everyone.

All EI providers and SCs should take necessary precautions as with any condition that occurs.

The EI Training Program has gathered several resources for your review at <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6096/807027>.

While we cannot change the method of service delivery, but we can support providers, SCs and families with specific knowledge and information. Professionals know their tasks and understand how to reduce or remove the risks to the maximum amount possible.

Continue to watch the EI Provider Connections website for additional updates/guidance as they become available. Please understand the we are committed to following all applicable protocol to protect all stakeholders of our EI community.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the infants/toddlers and their families within the Illinois EI Program!