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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

The Interagency Council on Early Intervention (EI) Reopen EI workgroup met again this week. They reviewed data, discussed public awareness efforts and family survey information, received updates on electronic signature and personal protective equipment efforts, and began discussing and planning what EI would look like after the pandemic.

As part of the planning for post-pandemic service delivery, we are still seeking feedback on family experiences with Live Video Visits. Families are asked to complete a survey on Live Video Visit use in early intervention. Families can access this survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

The Bureau continues to value the vaccine as an essential tool for helping us get back to normal. Vaccine distribution has expanded. To find where you can get a vaccine, visit: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>. Start Early has compiled some [resources](#) that address Frequently Asked Questions about Vaccines. These will be updated as needed.

While we are waiting to benefit from the full impact of vaccines, we must continue to wear masks, wash hands, and maintain physical distance. The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) continues to be the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities permitted within each region. For details about approved activities, review the [updated plan](#).

Please monitor the [Provider Connection's website](#) for updates to policy and procedure. The [EITP's website](#) and [Facebook page](#), and the [EI Clearinghouse website](#) should also be monitored for information and resources.

Please stay safe and know that we appreciate all you do for infants, toddlers, and families!