To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders
From: Ann Freiburg, Chief
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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

As mentioned last week, the number of families that each provider can see for in-person services has been expanded as of April 1st. For additional details, see the updated guidance. New information for families (updated FAQ and Determining What’s Right for my Family) has been posted as well. In addition, families are being asked to complete a survey on Live Video Visit use in early intervention. Families can access this survey in English or Spanish.

Yesterday, the Bureau announced the availability of KN95 masks for early intervention payees. You can find more information about this opportunity here. Payees can request masks via this link through April 16, 2021.

The vaccine for COVID-19 is an important tool for helping us get back to normal. Vaccine distribution is localized. You will need information specific to your county/region of the State. To find where you can get a vaccine, visit https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/. You may also access information from your local county health department at https://www.dph.illinois.gov/contact-us/idph-regional-health-departments. If you live in the city of Chicago, visit https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid19-vaccine/home/latest-updates.html.

As we begin to see positivity rates increasing again, please remember that 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.

Monitor the Provider Connection’s website for updates to policy and procedure. The EITP website and Facebook page, and the EI Clearinghouse’s website should also be monitored for information and resources.

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