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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Update to Early Intervention Phased Re-Open Plan

First, we want to acknowledge the pain and frustration that is being felt with the current events that are happening. We want to assure everyone that the work we are engaged in is intended to be a way of bringing success to those who need it and we will intentionally focus on equity within any plans for the future phases.

With this update, we continue to retain all policies and procedures developed for service delivery in Early Intervention (EI) during COVID19 including Phone Consultation and Live Video Visits until further notice.

The Phased Plan to Re-Open Early Intervention workgroup met on May 20, 2020. At this first meeting, we provided the background of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois phased plan. We also prepared the workgroup for the future needs to develop the list of considerations needed to craft guidance for re-opening face-to-face interactions in EI utilizing a process, similar to Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois. The workgroup is charged with making data-driven decisions to develop the recommendations, policies and procedures that ensure the safety of the families we serve, the front-line providers wanting to support families, the service coordinators and other EI partner staff who interact in serving these families.

As expressed previously, the workgroup still anticipates that the phases of "re-opening" of EI will include a hybrid of continued Phone Consultation, Live Video Visits and face-to face interactions for a period of time until the data and science allow for full re-opening across all regions of the State.

The workgroup is meeting again next week and will provide another update next week as part of the intention to provide weekly updates moving forward!