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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

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Re: Early Intervention Phased Re-Open Plan

As we continue to move through these uncharted times dealing with COVID-19, we want to update you on our current progress. As we move forward, we will be retaining 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 Bureau is moving quickly to develop policies and guidance for re-opening face-to-face interactions in EI utilizing a process similar to Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois – A Public Health Approach to Safely Re-open Our State. The Bureau is partnering with dedicated and expert stakeholders to make 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.

We anticipate 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.

This work will move quickly, and the Bureau is committed to providing consistent and frequent communication on the EI Re-Open Phased Plan.