

Hello,

We hope this email finds you and your family in good health. During your next in-home session you'll notice that, while some things have changed, one thing has remained the same: our commitment to health and safety. We have some new guidelines in place and ask that you please take a few minutes to review them before your appointment.

#### **Consent Form**

**Prior to your first in-home session, you must fill out the following consent form allowing us to resume your treatment:** <https://ebssecureforms.com/ilei/receive-services-il/>. If you prefer to not fill out the consent form, please get in touch with our office and we can arrange to resume your child's in-person treatment once the COVID situation has been more thoroughly resolved. If your preference is to begin or continue with telehealth we will be happy to accommodate your request.

#### **Screening Questionnaire**

Please review the following questions and if you answer yes to either question, contact us immediately as we will need to reschedule your appointment.

1. Do you have any of the following symptoms? Cough, fever, or shortness of breath?
2. Have you been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (coronavirus) or COVID like symptoms?
3. Do you have chills with shaking, muscle pain, headache or sore throat?
4. Do you have diarrhea, vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell?
5. In the last 2 weeks, did you care or have close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
6. In the last 2 weeks, has anyone in your household or anyone you are in close contact have any of the above symptoms?
7. In the last 2 weeks, has anyone if your home travelled outside of the state?

Our updated cleaning and health procedures follow infection control recommendations made by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We follow the activities of these agencies on a regular basis so that we remain current on any new rulings or guidance that may be issued. We do this to make sure that our infection control procedures are always consistent with each agencies' recommendations.

#### **Additional In-Home Guidelines**

1. One caregiver per child is required to attend the session while maintaining appropriate social distance
2. Masks must be worn by everyone within a communal treatment area. Exceptions include: children under two and children and adults with disabilities or medical conditions preventing use of a mask
3. We request that caregivers check their and their child's forehead temperature prior to interventionist arrival. If you or your child has a temperature over 100.4, we will need to reschedule your appointment. Interventionists will take their temperature prior to each session.
4. Children and caregivers will be asked to wash their hands before and after sessions and every 30 minutes during sessions. Same applies for interventionists.
5. If children, their caregiver or anyone within the household exhibit cold, flu or other illness symptoms, we will have to reschedule the appointment.
6. If anyone test positive at any time we ask that the family notify their Service Coordinator and Interventionist.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email or phone. We know some of these measures seem strict but please know they are in place for everyone's safety. We are so eager to get started and to see everyone soon!

Warm regards,  
The EBS Early Intervention Team

## **EBS EI Procedures for Face-to-Face Services**

The safety of our consumers and interventionists is of utmost importance to EBS EI. The following guidelines are designed to help promote your safety, as well as the safety of our consumers.

If you have any questions at any time please contact [Cori.Sharpless@ebshealthcare.com](mailto:Cori.Sharpless@ebshealthcare.com).

Illinois Interventionists will follow the Illinois Guidance for Team Decision Making for in-Person Visits. Each Interventionist should have received memos from your CFC. I am attaching helpful links below. Please know that at this time no one is forcing anyone to go back face to face. Illinois is using a hybrid model. Please watch the video's from the state. It will answer all your questions. It was very well done.

- Illinois Interventionists will email service coordinator and [payroll@ebsei.com](mailto:payroll@ebsei.com); [joeylee.scarduzio@ebsei.com](mailto:joeylee.scarduzio@ebsei.com) and [cori.sharpless@ebshealthcare.com](mailto:cori.sharpless@ebshealthcare.com) when resuming in person visits. Interventionist and team must identify a specific activity that will be addressed during the sessions.
- The interventionist will send to the family the consent form before resuming face to face. The family will read and sign the consent form before any face-to-face session/s can occur. If the consent form is not received, then you may reschedule the services or if the family is not willing not to sign consent, teleintervention sessions can be offered.
- Interventionists who need PPE supplies please contact us for more information.
- Interventionists will contact families prior to each face-to-face session to ask the COVID-19 screening questions. Please see the pdf list that includes How to stay safe, Daily health check before visiting families, family screening risk checklist, prepare families for the visit.
- One caregiver per child is required to attend the session while maintaining appropriate social distance.
- Masks must be worn by everyone within room. Exceptions include: children under two and children and adults with disabilities or medical condition preventing use of a mask. This means inside and outside.
- We request that caregivers check their and their child's forehead temperature prior to interventionist arrival. If you or your child has a temperature over 100.4, you will need to reschedule your appointment.
- Interventionists will take their temperature prior to each session and will reschedule if they have a temperature over 100.4
- Children and caregivers will be asked to wash their hands before and after sessions and every 30 minutes during sessions. Same applies for interventionists.
- If children, their caregiver or anyone within the household exhibit cold, flu or other illness symptoms, they will have to reschedule the appointment.
- Sessions should be held outdoors whenever possible. If session cannot be held outdoors, sessions should then remain in one room of the household.

**Helpful links:**

**Early Intervention Plan for Resuming In-Person Services:**

[Q & A Information Session Section 1](#)

[https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_yt7pru3o](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_yt7pru3o)

**Early Intervention Plan for Resuming In-Person Services:**

[Q & A Information Session Section 2:](#)

[https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_7wgjb0jn](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_7wgjb0jn)

**\*Note – if you just want to review individual chapters of the videos, click on the 3 lines in the upper left corner of the video\***

These videos are linked directly on the re-entry resource page: <https://go.Illinois.edu/EICOVIDSafety>. They are also linked directly on the [COVID-19](#) page.

As a reminder, there are several new checklists and reminders available for early intervention professionals:

[Keep Yourself and Others Safe from COVID When Returning to Work \(pdf\)](#)

<https://blogs.illinois.edu/files/6039/2005675365/175394.pdf>

[Re-Entry Reminders Infographic \(pdf\)](#)

<https://blogs.illinois.edu/files/6039/2005675365/175788.pdf>

[In-Person Early Intervention Checklists during COVID-19 Pandemic \(pdf\)](#)

<https://blogs.illinois.edu/files/6039/2005675365/175793.pdf>

# In-Person Early Intervention Checklists during COVID-19 Pandemic

Developed by the Early Intervention Training  
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# How to Stay Safe



## Before the Visit

- Develop a written communication plan** to be shared with families in the event they or another family with whom they have had contact tests positive for COVID-19
- Develop a Waiver of Liability**, if necessary or desired
- Discuss the procedures you will follow** during in-person services with the families you will be visiting (see *Preparing Families for the Visit*)
- Screen for risk prior to entering the home** you will be visiting (see *Family Screening Risk Checklist*)
- Gather clean masks<sup>1</sup>**
- Gather a change of clothes<sup>1</sup>** (i.e., an overshirt or smock) for between visits
- Gather gloves and/or face shield**, if applicable (not required, but acceptable)
- Perform a daily health check on yourself** (see *Daily Health Checklist*)



## During the Visit

- Allow only 1 family member present at session**
- Wash your hands upon entering** and encourage family member and child to wash hands
- Avoid handshakes, hugs, and physical contact**
- Avoid touching your face**
- Wear a mask at all times<sup>1</sup>**
- Ask family member to wear mask** (child under age 2 should not wear face mask)
- Limit materials/toys brought into the home<sup>1</sup>** and use materials/toys available within the home
- Limit the number of surfaces and objects touched**
- Put on and remove masks carefully** (see Using Face Masks)
- Use Social Distancing** as much as possible
- Visit with the family outdoors, when possible**



## After the Visit

- Wash your hands upon exiting** and encourage family member and child to wash hands
- Change clothes to avoid contamination<sup>1</sup>**
- Disinfect surfaces and objects touched**
- Remove masks carefully** (see Using Face Masks)
- Notify the family if you or someone you have been in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19**

## COVID-19 Safety Resources

<https://go.Illinois.edu/EICOVIDSafety>

<sup>1</sup> Pack 1 per family you will be visiting that day

# Daily Health Check Before Visiting Families



**Is your temperature above or equal to 100.4°F?** YES

You must be free of fever for at least 72 hours prior to visit.

**Do you have cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?** YES

**Do you have chills with shaking, muscle pain, headache, or sore throat?** YES

**Do you have diarrhea, vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell?** YES

**Is anyone in your household or anyone you are in close contact with sick with COVID-19 or an unknown respiratory illness?** YES

**Any YES?  
Do not visit\*  
child or family!**



\*Call family to reschedule visit, alert the Service Coordinator, and seek medical consultation from a physician.

# Family Screening Risk Checklist

YES  **Is your temperature above or equal to 100.4°F?**

You must be free of fever for at least 72 hours prior to visit.

YES  **Do you have cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?**

YES  **Do you have chills with shaking, muscle pain, headache, or sore throat?**

YES  **Do you have diarrhea, vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell?**

YES  **In the last 2 weeks, did you care for or have close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?**

YES  **In the last 2 weeks, has anyone in your household or anyone you are in close contact have any of the above symptoms?**

YES  **In the last 2 weeks, have you or anyone in your home travelled outside of the state?**  
Discuss the risk in more detail with the family. You may choose to do live video visits in the next 14 days while they quarantine, or if the risk is minimal, you may decide to visit with additional precautions.

\*Reschedule visit, alert the Service Coordinator, and encourage family to seek medical consultation from a physician. If they might have been exposed to COVID-19 or travelled outside the state in the last 2 weeks, consider sharing the [CDC resource "Quarantine if You Might Be Sick"](#).



# Preparing Families for the Visit

- Inform families of the procedures you will follow before, during and after in-person services**
- Inform families that you will be screening for risk prior to entering their home** (see *Family Screening Risk Checklist*)
- Notify families that a mask must be worn** by the family member present for the session
- Allow only 1 family member present in immediate intervention session area**
- Develop a plan for families who are unable/unwilling to wear masks** (services may need to be provided via live video visits or telephone consultation)
- Ask families what additional safeguards they would like to discuss**
- Discuss the expectation that families must immediately notify the provider and/or service coordinator of the following:**
  - someone in their home tests positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms
  - if the child/family has been in close contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Remind families of standard safety precautions** (masks, hand washing, social distancing, etc.) during interactions with children and families.
- Inform families that you will be limiting materials and toys brought into the home** and will be relying on the materials and toys available within their environment.

