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Office of Early Childhood

Division of Community & Family Support

Early Intervention Colorado

Dear Early Intervention (EI) Stakeholders,

This revised guidance takes the place of all other communication sent out previously. It is **recommended but not required** that all in person activities conducted by EI personnel are conducted virtually. This includes any evaluation activities conducted by Community Centered Boards (CCBs). This guidance will be reviewed and updated as appropriate by January 30, 2022.

Effective date: Immediately (Revised January 4, 2022)

If in-person early intervention services continue to take place the following guidelines must adhered to:

Early Intervention Services:

For In-Person Visits:

- The family and provider must both agree to in-person visits
- Providers should call prior to arrival to confirm the child and family feel well and agree to wear a face mask for the visit
- Masks are required at all times during a visit (for those 12 and older). In addition to CDPHE and CDC guidance, providers should consult the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and their professional organizations for further guidance
- Social distancing of 6 feet should be maintained for adults
- A hand washing protocol of at least 20 seconds should be performed before and after each visit
- The number of people participating in the visit should be limited whenever possible

Early Intervention Services in Preschool or Childcare setting

- If visits occur in the preschool or childcare setting all guidance from both agencies (EI Colorado and the child care facility) must be followed

Evaluation Activities Performed by the CCB:

- It is recommended that evaluation activities conducted by the CCB should take place virtually as much as possible unless circumstances require an in-person evaluation.
- In-person evaluations may take place in the family's home or at a designated location other than the family's home if the family and provider agree
- One provider may be in person, the second provider and the service coordinator should participate virtually (unless it is not feasible)
- One parent will be permitted in the evaluation room, the other may join virtually





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Service Coordination Activities:

- Service coordination activities and IFSP meetings (initial, reviews, annuals and transition meetings) will continue to take place virtually as much as possible unless circumstances require an in-person meeting until at least January 30, 2022
- If a meeting must occur in person, the minimum number of required professionals needed to perform an activity (no more than two) should be present. Ideally the service coordinator and one provider would join virtually with the other provider present with the family in-person if necessary

