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Current guidance for the Early Intervention and Preschool programs as of Monday March 16, 2020 at 1pm:

Homebased services will continue AT THIS TIME. Therapists are reminded to call families before the scheduled visit to ask if anyone in the family has:

- fever, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- in the 14 days prior to home visit, traveled outside the United States or recently had contact with a person who is suspected or confirmed to have infection with novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

If yes to international travel, check to see if travel country is on the CDC's affected geographic areas of widespread/sustained community transmission: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

If the client says yes, the therapist can politely ask them for their availability to re-schedule in 14 days or when they or the household member are feeling better. The client should also be advised to call their healthcare provider for guidance.

At this time, therapy services cannot be provided over the phone.

There will be no bussing provided for at least two weeks.

For agencies and independent providers:

For the immediate future, the county recommends only therapists with a home office and with no other staff present continue to provide services, provided that both the child, their family members and the therapist have no symptoms, travel history or contact with a COVID-19 positive individual as described above.

Everyone should follow the below General Infection Prevention Strategies:

- Organizations should encourage staff to routinely employ infection prevention strategies to reduce transmission of common respiratory viruses (e.g., influenza or "flu" or "the common cold").
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (in the absence of a tissue, cough or sneeze into your shirt sleeve or bent arm).
- Keep your hands clean (wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds). Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

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- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Get the flu shot (at this time, there is no current vaccination for coronaviruses).

The routine use of these infection prevention strategies cannot be overemphasized (especially washing your hands often with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective).

Things are changing rapidly, and we appreciate all your efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

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