



Please see the important updates from the New York State Early Intervention Program in the email below.

4/1/2020 Updated FAQ's: Questions #1 to 22:

https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/docs/doh_covid19_eifaqs_1-22_04.01.20.pdf

4/1/2020 Additional FAQ's: Questions #23 to 37:

https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/docs/doh_covid19_eifaqs_23-37_04.01.20.pdf

Additionally, you can find these and other important updates here:

Early Intervention Program Memoranda, Guidance and Clinical Practice Guidelines COVID-19 Guidance

- [New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention Guidance to Early Intervention Providers Regarding Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – Revised 04.01.2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [NYS Early Intervention Program Consent For The Use Of Telehealth During Declared State of Emergency For COVID-19 – Revised 04.01.2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions Related to Virtual Early Intervention Visits During COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency \(Questions 1-22\) – Revised 04.01.2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions Related to Virtual Early Intervention Visits During COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency \(Questions 23-37\) – New 04.01.2020 \(PDF\)](#)



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To: NYEIS-L@listserv.health.state.ny.us

New York State Department of Health New York Early Intervention System (NYEIS) Electronic Mailing List Updated Frequently Asked Questions Related to Virtual Early Intervention Visits During COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency

Dear Early Intervention Colleagues,

Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) #23-#37 related to virtual Early Intervention (EI) visits are attached. In addition, guidance on providing EI telehealth services and evaluations, developed by NYC BEI, which was transmitted in March 2020, is attached for reference purposes.

Please note, updated FAQ #1-22, the revised Parent Consent document, and updated EI guidance extending the date for provision of telehealth services are posted at the link below.

Highlights from these FAQs include:

- 1) Early intervention (EI) has been deemed an essential service during the declared state of emergency for COVID-19;
- 2) A teletherapy approach should be used for EI service delivery to the maximum extent possible;
- 3) Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA) are permitted to provide virtual EI services during this declared state of emergency with appropriate supervision. Please consult the FAQs for details and additional information; and,
- 4) FAQ #28 addresses updated guidance for obtaining consent for the use of telehealth during the declared state of emergency for COVID-19.

Early Intervention Program memoranda and guidance, including program guidance related to COVID-19, can be found on the Bureau of Early Intervention's webpage located here: https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/memoranda.htm

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