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MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2021

TO: All Nevada Early Intervention Service Providers and Community Partners
FROM: DHHS, IDEA Part C Office, ADSD Administration, and ADSD Quality Assurance
RE: Early Intervention Services Re-entry Plan, Effective July 1, 2021

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The Department of Health and Human Services-Director's Office (DHHS), IDEA Part C Office, Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD), and ADSD Quality Assurance (QA), have established a gradual, phased re-entry plan to resume limited face-to-face early intervention services. This memorandum serves as official release of the Early Intervention Services Re-entry Plan Phase 3 to allow for a gradual return to home visiting to be scheduled on or after July 1, 2021.

As Nevada recovers from the pandemic, ADSD and IDEA Part C continue to take every precaution to keep our most vulnerable safe. The attached re-entry plan and protocols are meant for all Early Intervention (EI) providers across the State of Nevada and include the following guidance:

- Virtual visits remain a viable and evidence-based option and are intended to continue to mitigate risk of infectious disease. Virtual visits are not intended to be the sole delivery method in this phase.
- As this is a gradual re-entry, home visits will be permissible to incorporate with virtual visits and limited in-clinic visits in this phase of re-entry. Home visits are not intended to be the sole delivery method in this phase.
- Community settings such as child care, library, in person playgroups, etc., remain prohibited in this phase.
- Screening protocols are an essential component of the re-entry plan.
- Face masks remain a **requirement** for all face-to-face visits (in-clinic, home, and outdoors).

Managers and supervisors of all EI programs are responsible for ensuring that direct service providers receive training and understand this information before implementing. All programs are required to adhere to the detailed guidance and visitor protocols attached as part of the re-entry plan. Please contact us as indicated below should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- Early Intervention Services Re-Entry Plan Phase 3 July 1, 2021
- Visit Protocols Phase 3 July 1, 2021