

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Commissioner

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Dear Early Intervention/Preschool Provider:

The Suffolk County Department of Health continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Since this situation is evolving, Suffolk County Early Intervention Providers will be updated promptly as new information becomes available. In an effort to ensure that you have the most current and updated information regarding COVID 19, please visit the Suffolk County Department of Health Services website at <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Bulletins/Novel-Coronavirus>.

Please review this document in detail and incorporate the suggested practice into all interactions with families in home, community, and facility-based settings.

Based on questions that have been received and concerns that have been raised, please ensure the following precautions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue (not your hands), then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a cleaning product that contains bleach.
- Surgical Face masks are **NOT** recommended

Information about travel is being updated regularly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and can be checked at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-cov/travelers/index.html>



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Before conducting an IFSP meeting or providing EI services

- Call ahead to confirm or schedule the visit
- Ask how they and their family are feeling. You can specifically ask if anyone in the household has:
 - Fever, cough, or trouble breathing.
 - Traveled outside the US or had contact with a person who is suspected or confirmed to have infection with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
 - If the answer is yes to either or both of the questions, staff can request to conduct the meeting by phone or to reschedule the visit when the household member is feeling better or after the 14 day period has expired. Also, encourage any ill family member to call their health care provider to let them know about their symptoms and recent travel.
 - If the answer is no to both questions, COVID-19 exposure risk is low, and the visit can be conducted.

As always, thank you for your continued work on behalf of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Services for Children with Special Needs.

Sincerely,

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