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Subject: FW: New York City Department of Health COVID-19 Guidance for the Early Intervention Program

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Dear Early Intervention Provider:

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Since this situation is evolving, New York City Early Intervention Providers will be updated promptly as new information becomes available.

Attached [on UpWeeGrow.com as "[3-3-2020 NYC Home Visit Considerations for Staff of Organizations that Provide Services that Necessitate Prolonged Close Contact](#)"] please find:

- *Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Home Visit Considerations for Staff of Organizations that Provide Services that Necessitate Prolonged, Close Contact*

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 make note of the following:

- I. General infection prevention strategies should be followed, including:
 - **Staying home from work if you're sick, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick**
 - Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or using your shirt sleeve or bent arm if you don't have a tissue)
 - Keeping your hands clean with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
 - Contacting your healthcare provider if you believe you've been exposed to COVID-19 or are concerned about symptoms you may be experiencing
- II. Face masks are NOT recommended
- III. International travel in the past 14 days is not a reason to restrict your work if you are NOT sick (unless you've traveled to/from mainland China or Iran). 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-ncov/travelers/index.html>

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IV. 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