

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



DATE: March 23, 2020

TO: Birth to Three Early Intervention Service (EIS) Providers

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #11

OEC Birth to Three Providers Fiscal and Home Visit Guidance Related to COVID-19/

Corona Virus

The Office of Early Childhood wishes to provide guidance to our funded Birth to Three providers to ensure stability of programs during this very challenging COVID-19 situation. We realize that consistent and accurate information is of utmost importance.

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Given the recent "Stay Safe, Stay at Home" executive order, all Birth to Three Programs shall have all staff working from home using Remote Early Intervention (EI) for all EI services as posted in both procedures on our website at https://www.birth23.org/providers/provider-resources/procedures/.

As always, please encourage all staff to continue to implement good public health practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include frequent handwashing, covering their mouth with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth with their hands and most importantly staying home when they are sick. The CDC website includes links to tip sheets, posters on handwashing, and tips for families in its ChildCare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease. All CDC guidance is updated as necessary to respond to this changing situation.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's children.