



**Illinois
State Board of
Education**



**Governor's Office of
Early Childhood Development**

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Subject: MIECHV COVID-19 Update - HOME VISITS SUSPENDED

The health and well-being of children, families, and early childhood care and education providers in Illinois is of utmost importance. Helping control the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's civic responsibility.

At this time, the Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Block Grant Prevention Initiative programs in collaboration with MIECHV and DHS Healthy Families Programs are suspending in-person visits until further notice. However, it is also important to ensure the continuity of education and services to children and families. Thus, to the extent possible, staff should offer visits over the phone or FaceTime/Skype if the family has that capability and follow their model's recommendations related to conducting and documenting visits that take place virtually or on the phone.

If you have questions about these instructions, please contact Lesley Schwartz at lesley.schwartz@illinois.gov for MIECHV or Chuck Dooley at charles.dooley@illinois.gov for HFI or Carisa Hurley at churley@isbe.net for Prevention Initiative.

Continue to follow [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and [Illinois Department of Public Health](https://www.illinois.gov/public-health) recommendations. You can also visit the [Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development](https://www.illinois.gov/early-childhood-development) webpage for resources and links to information to help keep all Illinois residents informed, especially families and those who provide services to young children.