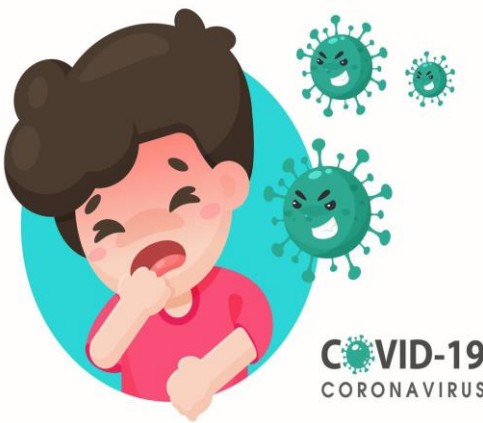



EarlySteps uses information from the Louisiana Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make decisions about the best ways to support children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The practices implemented may change as the impact of COVID-19 has changed since 2020, specifically with recommendations on who can be vaccinated. Our ongoing goal is to protect all children and adults in the home, particularly those that are more vulnerable to contracting the virus.

How EarlySteps supports families during the Dandemic

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A phone call prior to your child’s home visit to assess risk to your family—questions include health status of family members, your doctors’ recommendations for you/your child regarding home visits, your preference for a home visit versus an online or virtual visit. We call this a <i>telephone screening</i>. 2. Options for home visit or virtual visit based on the results of the call and the percentage of COVID-19 positivity in your parish. 3. The early interventionist visiting your home will wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and use infection control measures.
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How families support EarlySteps during the Dandemic:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep providers updated on your family health status by calling with important health changes of family members. 2. Expect your early interventionists to wear a mask during the visit and ask them to if they do not! 3. Understand that last minute schedule changes happen due to the health status of the family and the early interventionist and others on their caseloads. 	
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