March 12, 2020

Attention Early Intervention Program (EIP) Enrollees,

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a growing public health concern. Washington State is working hard to get information out to the public via social media and through the local news. We understand that people living with HIV may be experiencing an extra level of anxiety and uncertainty at this time. EIP is reaching out to enrollees to provide some answers to questions about COVID-19 and information on program changes.

What we need you to know:
Although there is concern over COVID-19 spreading, at this time there is no evidence that people living with HIV are at greater risk of getting COVID-19 or severe illness. The COVID-19 event is ever evolving and changing daily. As we learn more, we may make program changes to meet the needs of EIP enrollees. We will post updates on program activities on the EIP website at www.doh.wa.gov/HIVCare. If you have questions about your EIP eligibility or coverage, contact EIP by email at Ask.EIP@doh.wa.gov or by calling 877-376-9316 or 360-236-3426.

What we are doing:
We want to support EIP enrollees to limit close contact with others in crowded places and get the care they need so effective March 12, 2020, the EIP program will:

- Allow a 90-day fill for drugs.
- Cover the cost of COVID-19 testing.
- Waive cost share responsibilities.

How to stay informed:

If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, or how the virus is spread, please call 1-800-525-0127. If you feel you have been exposed or are showing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough and shortness of breath), contact your doctor’s office to arrange to be tested.