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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

# CDC RESOURCES FOR I/DD PROVIDERS

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### New COVID-19 Resources Available



The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a COVID-19 toolkit with communication resources explaining in plain language how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and caregivers can protect themselves from the virus. These resource materials aim to assist people with I/DD, their parents, and other caregivers with sharing critical information with their loved ones about COVID-19 and what to expect when getting a COVID-19 test. These resources also include information on COVID-19 vaccinations and explains how to stay safe if individuals are not vaccinated.

The toolkit contains social stories, videos, posters, and interactive activities that focus on five topics:

- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine
- Wearing a mask
- Social distancing
- Hand washing
- Getting a COVID-19 test

There is also a [tip sheet](#) that offers suggestions for things caregivers can do to ease the worry about the virus. In addition to the toolkit, the CDC has developed videos and web resources in American Sign Language (ASL). To date, more than 40 ASL videos and 25 easy-to-read documents have been produced and viewed by more than 1 million people.

Tips for health care providers and clinical staff regarding talking to individuals with I/DD about the COVID-19 vaccination can be accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/disabilities.html>.

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& WASH YOUR HANDS!**

