Disability Information: 2021

- The Commonwealth has now released the COVID-19 Vaccination Disability Service Providers [Toolkit](#). This collection of resources is designed to assist residential disability service providers to prepare for Phase 1a vaccinations.
- Healthdirect – [COVID-19 Health Professionals Disability Advisory Service](#)
- Australian Human Rights Commission – [Guidelines on the rights of people with disability in health and disability care during COVID-19](#)
- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission – [Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information pack for NDIS providers and workers](#)
- NSW Health – [Public Health Orders Easy Read Version](#)
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care – [COVID 19 and Cognitive Impairment](#)
- Department of Health - Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – [Management and Operational Plan for People with Disability](#)
- Department of Health – [Coronavirus (COVID) advice for people with disability](#)
- Department of Health – [National Coronavirus Helpline – 1800 020 080](#)
- Department of Health – [healthdirect Coronavirus (COVID-19)](#)
- Department Of Health – Coronavirus app [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)
- Department of Home Affairs – [Translating and Interpreting Service](#)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme – [Latest Advice from NDIS](#)
- Disability Advocacy Network –- [AdvoKit](#)
- Department of Health – [Webinar - Impact of COVID-19 on people with a disability and how to keep them safe as restrictions are eased.](#)
- NDIS Advice – [FAQs for providers during COVID-19](#)
- Disability Information Helpline – [Information and referrals for people with disability, carers, support staff and service providers who need help 1800 643 787](#)
- World Health Organisation (WHO) – [Disability Considerations during the COVID- 19 outbreak](#)

Disability Information: For doctors and health staff

- Department of Health – [Advice sheets in relation to COVID-19 prevention, screening and management for people with intellectual or developmental disorders, includes an advice sheet for Primary Health](#).
- Department of Health – [Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert](#)
- NSW Health – [COVID-19 (Coronavirus)](#)
- NSW Health – [COVID-19 Updated Advice](#)
- NSW Health – [COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Testing Advice](#)
- SLHD - [Easy read COVID-19 Car testing advice sheet](#)
- SLHD - [Easy read COVID-19 Hospital testing advice sheet](#)

Disability Information: For carers, families and workers

- Department of Health – [Coronavirus (COVID) Frequently asked questions](#)
- NSW Health – [Coronavirus COVID19 (Coronavirus) Frequently asked questions](#)
- Carers Australia – [COVID-19 Advice for Carers](#)
- Carers NSW – [COVID-19 Information for Carers](#)
- Carer Gateway – [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information](#)
- Sourcekids – [COVID-19 resources for you and your child](#)
- Beyond Blue – [Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service](#)
- Every Australian Counts – [Information regarding Covid-19 and the NDIS for PWID, their families and workers](#)
- Autism Parenting – [Support for parents of autistic children during COVID19](#)
- Mindheart – [Covid story for supporting children](#)
- Sourcekids – [Resources for families to support children with disability during Covid-19](#)
- The autism educator – [Social story on the Corona Virus for PWD](#)

- Council for Intellectual Disability – [A range of easy read information eg viruses and staying healthy, mental health, visiting the doctor etc](#)
- Beyond Blue – [Resources regarding mental health](#)

Disability Information: For people with disability

- Council for Intellectual Disability – [Staying safe from Coronavirus](#)
- National Relay Service – [1300 555 727](#)
- Expression Australia – [Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates](#)
- NSW Health – [COVID-19 flu clinics](#) – GPs must be called before visiting one
- The Autism Educator – [What is the Coronavirus?](#)
- The Growing Space – [Coronavirus/COVID19 Easy English Resource](#)
- Department of Social Services (DSS) – [Easy read resources for people with disability and their supporters](#)
- IDEAS – [Supporting people with disability during the COVID-19 crisis](#)
- Disability Advocacy Network – [Coronavirus Resources for people with disability](#)
- Australian Council of Social Service – [COVID response advocacy and information from ACOSS members](#)

Disability Information: For NDIS participants

- Every Australian Counts – [Information for NDIS participants and families about the Coronavirus](#)
- NDIS – [Coronavirus (COVID-19) information and support](#)
- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission – [Fact sheet: Coronavirus (COVID-19) NDIS participant information](#)
- People with Disability Australia (PWD) – [Information and resource hub](#)
- NDIA – [COVID-19 Psychosocial information pack](#)

Disability Information: For community languages

- Ethnolink – [COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Translated Resources](#)
- Victoria State Government – [Translated resources – Coronavirus disease (COVID-29)](#)
- Refugee Council – [COVID-19 Update for refugees and people seeking asylum](#)
- Australian Red Cross – [How to prepare for coronavirus](#)
- Department of Health – [Translated resources](#)
- NSW Health – [Community Languages](#)
- SBS – [Multilingual Coronavirus Portal](#)
- Settlement Services International (SSI) – [Support and resources](#)

Disability Information: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and remote communities

- The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) – [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Map](#)

Telehealth and People with Disability

- To provide continued access to essential primary health services during the COVID -19 pandemic, the Commonwealth Government is expanding Medicare subsidised telehealth services for all Australians.
- The commonwealth is also providing extra incentives to general practitioners and other health practitioners. [A factsheet is available via the Department of Health website](#)
- Telehealth is available to people with disability in the same way as it is available to all Australians.

- When providing a service using telehealth, with agreement from the participant, providers can submit payment requests using the support line items that they would normally use to provide face to face services. This includes for assessments, reviews and participant education. Connecting with and helping participants.

Disability Information: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – how and when to use

- PPE training videos NSW Health Clinical Excellence Commission
- The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has endorsed the following recommendation for (non-inpatient) care of people at risk of, or with suspected or confirmed, COVID-19 including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) Advice on non-inpatient care of people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, including use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- The PPE guidance can be found within PPE for the health workforce section of the collection and the 'COVID-19 testing for people with disability' can be found within the testing section

Person Protective Equipment (PPE) – the National Medical Stockpile

If NDIS service providers or self-managing participants need access to PPE, the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission factsheet is advising them to email the National Medical Stockpile at NDISCOVIDPPE@heallth.gov.au

The NDIS has advised that the Commonwealth Department of Health will be triaging requests. Providers will need to demonstrate:

- They have not been able to source masks on the open market
- Existing stocks have been depleted
- Who will be using the masks
- How masks will be prioritised and distributed to minimise transmission
- How previous stockpile supplies (if applicable) have been used efficiently and effectively

Requests will be prioritised where:

- The participants has confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19
- Safe care cannot be provided without PPE; or
- Where there is clinical need

PPE resources and free infection control training resources:

- Department of Health – COVID-19 Wearing PPE for Disability Support Workers
- Department of Health – COVID-19 Infection Control Training
- DSC – Supporting People to Stay Infection Free