

Accessible COVID-19 information



While most of us are inundated with too much information right now, information in Plain English is in short supply in the mainstream media. Ensure that your members have up-to-date information in a format that works for them. The following resources are free to download, though you may want to adapt them for your context:

“COVID-19 Information By and For People with Disabilities,” by Green Mountain Self-Advocates, written in plain language with photos and easy to understand graphics:

<https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Plain-Language-Information-on-Coronavirus.pdf>

“Plain Language,” by Self Advocates Becoming Empowered, 08/22/19; includes an hour-long training video recording with handouts: <https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/resource/plain-language/>

“Supporting Individuals with Autism through Uncertain Times.” Download the “COVID-19 toolkit” that offers examples of social stories, resources for structuring time during the time at home: <https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/supporting-individuals-autism-through-uncertain-times>

“Deaf & Hard of Hearing Info – Coronavirus,” by Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Infographic developed for Deaf and hard of hearing people but could be used by anyone with limited verbal communication who understand basic drawings and symbols: <https://www.nad.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus-Visual-Tool-Mar2020-FINAL.pdf>

“Autism & Covid-19: How to Support Autistic People During the Coronavirus Pandemic, by James Sinclair, 3/20/20. British guide with helpful suggestions for caregivers: <https://autisticandunapologetic.com/2020/03/20/autism-covid-19-how-to-support-autistic-people-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

“COVID-19 Response and Resource List,” compiled by Christian Horizons, is a comprehensive Canadian/ international list of links and resources, including social stories explaining why one needs to stay home, why the day program is closed, etc.: <https://www.christian-horizons.org/coronavirus>

“Wheelchair use and precautions for COVID-19,” by Vicki Leeper, 2/2/20, Northwest ADA Center – Idaho: <http://dacnw.org/newsletter/news-from-northwest-ada-center-idaho-19/>

Please see also our tip sheet on “Advocacy actions you and your church can take to ensure health care access during the COVID-19 health crisis” and check our web article “[Coronavirus Resources for Churches](#)” and our [DMC Facebook page](#) for updates.