



Disability Health Committee Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Dear Colleague,

We wanted to share the below updates with you about COVID-19 vaccination opportunities and new disability-specific resources available through the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH).

CANCELED- Public Disability Health Committee Forum- April's Forum has been canceled. More information on a new date will follow.

DEADLINE APPROACHING! Application for new MCPD members- The Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities has launched an open call for new Commissioners! Learn more and apply today at the link below. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2022. <https://forms.office.com/g/f6xKN84PRx>

Text-to-911 now fully operational in Philadelphia- Text-to-911 is a service that allows the public to send a text message to 911. Individuals who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and those who face communication barriers may find this service a more accessible means of interface with 911. Please see the following for more info: <https://www.pema.pa.gov/911-Program/Public/Text-To-911/Pages/default.aspx>

ASL Interpretation in PDPH Briefings- Covid briefings from PDPH on local policy and response now have accompanying ASL interpretation. Please see the following link and subscribe for regular updates: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=equw4XxX65s>

Testing Kits for Distribution by CBOs- The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) has procured a supply of at-home COVID-19 test kits and will be offering these tests to community-based organizations (CBOs) serving clients and patrons in areas of high COVID-19 risk. Prior to completing this request form, please ensure that you have read through the program information sheet and agreed to the following set of requirements.

https://phlpublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eewZACG10fvFGd0



Administration for Community Living Resource Page- ACL has compiled a list of information and guidance on booster shots, doses for people who are immunocompromised, and vaccination resources for the aging and disability networks.

<https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/vaccine-cheat-sheet-and-more-covid-19-resources>

Know Before You Go Blog Updates- This post includes access considerations, such as transportation and Access and Functional Needs resources, as well as an up-to-date description of City-run clinics. Philadelphia's regularly updated access blog can be found here: <https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo>

Best,

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