



## **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).

**COVID 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](https://phlpublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eewZACG10fvFGd0)

**Extreme Heat Webinar-** PDPH has put together this webinar on how to prepare yourself, what to look out for, and other information on Extreme Heat. ASL is provided.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4cgREcub-A>

**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>

**Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding: A Communications Toolkit-** In March 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) temporarily waived certain Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements and conditions during the pandemic. However, states will soon be required to restart Medicaid and CHIP eligibility reviews. Up to 15 million people could lose their current Medicaid or CHIP coverage through a process called "unwinding." In an effort to minimize the number of people that lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage, CMS has release this toolkit: <https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/unwinding-comms-toolkit.pdf>



For information on renewing: <https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/renew-your-medicaid-or-chip-coverage/index.html>

**Medical Gown Donation Opportunity for CBOs-** FEMA has donated new/unused Level 1 gowns to The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies. The majority of the gowns are a cotton/polyester blend. Currently the transportation would be the responsibility of the gaining organization/agency; however, this could be addressed on a case by case basis. Contact [directors@disasterstrategies.org](mailto:directors@disasterstrategies.org) for more information

Best,

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