



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).

Disability Health Survey- The Philadelphia Department of Public Health holds public Disability Health Forums to inform Philadelphia's disability community on areas of concern in public health emergency preparedness and response, share resources/ insights, and support dialogue between community members and public health administrators. Please distribute to your network/ community and fill out this short survey to help us plan future Disability Health Forums.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRKJQYN>

Public Disability Health Forum Recording- Last month's forum focused on making an emergency go-bag, resources on utility assistance, and updates on Philadelphia's COVID and MPX responses, all through the lens of disability.

A recording can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FNHOf3j7gU&t=182s>

Here is a link to the slideshow reviewed in the meeting:

https://hip.phila.gov/document/3006/10.31.22_DHCForum_FINAL.pdf/

The Arc of PA Report on COVID Health Care Barriers- The impact of the pandemic has been staggering on individuals with disabilities and their families, especially those living in rural areas and those belonging to racial and ethnic minorities, according to a new report from The Arc of Pennsylvania. The Arc's report is the first part of a multi-year effort funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant to improve health equity.

<https://secureservercdn.net/166.62.108.229/r2t.d64.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Arc-of-PA-Barriers-Report-to-the-Public-Final-8-30-22.pdf>

PDPH Health Information Portal- For printable material and guidance on heat, MPX, severe storms, and other potential emergencies, visit:

<https://bit.ly/PHPGuidance>



Partners can also request free copies of educational materials to be mailed or picked up here:

<https://redcap.phila.gov/surveys/?s=M4FTNWRRH7HCYXJ7>

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

Best,

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