



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).

Ending of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)- The PHE is set to end on May 11. Long Term Care Consumers and many Medicaid enrollees may be affected. For more information see the attached flyer and visit <https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/index.html>

Now is the Time! PDPH's Free In-Home Vaccine Program- PDPH offers in-home COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots. These are available to anyone over 12 years old who has had trouble getting their shot because of disability, health issues, transportation access or other barriers. Caregivers & family members in home are eligible. Call 311 or 215-685-5488 Press 5 for interpretation services. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance. Visit <https://bit.ly/homeboundvaccinephl>. Please distribute the attached flyer. Email HomeVax@phila.gov for translated versions of this flyer.

Disability Health Forum: Planning for a Hazard- On February 27, 2023 10-11am (ET) Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Management will join the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to present on "How OEM's Hazard Mitigation Plan Includes You". We will discuss the touchpoints of Access and Functional Needs and the Disability Community in emergency planning in our city. ASL interpretation will be provided. Please email Liam Dougherty at Liam.Dougherty@phila.gov to request any additional accessibility accommodations for this meeting by 2/15/2023. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2-27-23dhforum>.

Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests- Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of #4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Click the following link and enter your info to have tests mailed to you: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Report on Severity of COVID-19 Hospitalization Outcomes and Patient Disposition Differ by Disability Status and Disability Type



Systemic inequities may place people with disabilities at higher risk of severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) illness or lower likelihood to be discharged home after hospitalization. This report examines whether severity of COVID-19 hospitalization outcomes and disposition differ by disability status and disability type. <https://academic.oup.com/cid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cid/ciac826/6763266?searchresult=1&lo>

Best,

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