# **COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities - Indicative Scoping of Resources**

This list of resources includes: Information for persons with disabilities and technical guidance

## **Information for persons with disabilities**

### Plain language/ easy to read

* Easy-to-read information about Coronavirus available developed by Inclusion Europe in 10 languages. Messages explain in simple language what COVID is and the measures that should be taking to prevent it. <https://www.inclusion-europe.eu/easy-to-read-information-about-coronavirus/>
* Set of ten cards with key messages about COVID -19 virus developed by the Autism educator. Each message is accompanied by an illustrative drawing: <https://theautismeducator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-1-1.pdf>
* This 8- page brief is presented in simple language and incudes photos and icons. It explains the COVID-related information through a set of questions, (e.g. If I am sick, what should I do? Is there a medicine?) developed by Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE). <https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Plain-Language-Information-on-Coronavirus.pdf>
* Brief guide that presents information though simple short messages and images on persons with disabilities with diverse backgrounds. It is developed by the Mencap, UK-based CSO that advocates for the rights of persons with learning disability. <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus>
* Detailed COVID prevention guidelines developed in simple language (English) and accompanied by drawings. It covers wide range of information from prevention and symptoms to the maintenance of good mental health: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u51V-CTVo5iAhMcsl-mKx5mMyB3KjhY6/view>
* Information in simple language (Spanish) with pictures: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J2zbhyx-ZAiMnXRe8JJKzbFGwPGyyiOX/view>
* Enable Scotland Easy to Read information: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xvmzm6bcizeypv8/COVID19-ES15-Coronavirus-Easy-Read-1.pdf?dl=0>
* Unapei (French) Easy to Read: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/j6hdfednk307elg/Info-Coronavirus-FALC.pdf?dl=0>
* Inclusion Ireland video and Easy to Read materials: How to wash your hands and what is Coronavirus: <http://www.inclusionireland.ie/content/news-items/1804/corona-virus-resources>

### Sign language:

* World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and World Association of Sign Language Interpreters WASLI Joint Statement on Access to Health Services During the Coronavirus (Covid 19) Containment Efforts and short statements in sign languages from around the world: <https://mailchi.mp/wfd.fi/information-on-the-coronavirus?e=dc778e54da>
* Five-minute video about COVID explained in American sign language (No audio or build-in subtitles). Material is developed by Mill Neck Family of Organizations, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pF22gOdcJJI>
* Information in Sign Language produced by Light for the World and NUDIPU (Uganda): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcpxutE81kVZMrsrITU24vw>
* Set of materials on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in New Zealand Sign Language accompanied by transcript. Materials were developed by the Ministry of Health, New Zealand. <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-other-languages/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-new-zealand-sign-language?fbclid=IwAR330VBTaxfq_TPu_DGz-lz20fqQ9_O9cNKwTQxT3_Etb5_N1RxEDX8UceQ>
* Developed by the Belgium government, four short videos are sharing information about COVID-19 in French sign language. <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/fr/videos#conseils>
* Five- minute video in French Sign Language (langue des signes française, LSF) accompanied with voice narration. Video is developed by “Signes”. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I9EnhlJxdM&feature=youtu.be>
* Brief video about COVID-19 in International sign (No audio or build-in subtitles). Material is developed by Mill Neck Family of Organizations, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pF22gOdcJJI>
* Three- minute video covers the basic information of the COVID-19 outbreak in American Sign Language (ASL) No audio or build-in captions are available. This material is developed by Minnesota Department of Health, USA <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8bUdMEsiPQ>
* Brief one-two minute video on COVID-19 in Portuguese sign language. Videos are developed by TVSurdo Mozambique, video news outlet established and run by deaf and hard of hearing (HOH) <https://youtu.be/GvWNE0dcF6o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22c7sWc4-BE&list=PL__Y1QGC8038FM7Ju-6TNaDREYraLD_7-&index=59>

### Other

* Disability Rights Fund webpage with a mix of resources (advocacy messages, information and guidance) <https://disabilityrightsfund.org/covid19/>
* International Disability Alliance (IDA) list of information and resources [http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/covid-19-and-disability-movement#](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/covid-19-and-disability-movement)
* People with Disabilities & the COVID-19 Pandemic: Key Issues & Resources developed by RespectAbility (US) <https://www.respectability.org/2020/03/covid-19-key-issues-resources/>
* One- hour webinar on COVID-19, disability and mental health by RespectAbility (USA) (includes transcript and video) <https://www.respectability.org/2020/03/webinar-covid-19-disability-mental-health/>
* Canada Association for Community Living- disability- related resources for families: <https://cacl.ca/coviddisability/>
* The Centre for Start Services (US) website with information, focused on people with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities <https://www.centerforstartservices.org/covid-19-resources>
* From WHO Brazil, information for persons with disabilities in Portuguese (incl. audio description): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cRwJsmRKGz1ov9SLFsvWIdHyZZayZy4Y>English subtitles: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BlxhLsawuhM7ZCjvAm6lSP_vwIVkTgjO>Spanish subtitles: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1BsiE5wT3pe9jKAsuzLgay15kwFxbGkrF>

## **II Advocacy messages**

* Press release from the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25725&LangID=E>
* European Disability Forum open letter to leaders: <http://edf-feph.org/newsroom/news/open-letter-leaders-eu-and-eu-countries-covid-19-disability-inclusive-response>
* World Institute on Disability call to action: <https://wid.org/2020/03/03/national-call-to-action-covid-19/>
* World Institute on Disability recommendations on continuity of services: <https://wid.org/2020/03/12/recommendations-for-immediate-covid-19-action/>
* Forbes article- ‘5 things to know about Coronavirus and people with disabilities’: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewpulrang/2020/03/08/5-things-to-know-about-coronavirus-and-people-with-disabilities/#12cc369b1d21>
* Disability Rights UK message to ministers: <https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/news/2020/march/coronavirus-dr-uk-ceo-writes-disability-and-care-ministers>
* COVID-19 and persons with psychosocial disabilities- joint note from a number of OPDs: <https://dk-media.s3.amazonaws.com/AA/AG/chrusp-biz/downloads/357738/COVID19-and-persons-with-psychosocial-disabilities-final_version.pdf>
* Call for action from Centre of Research Excellence in Disability and Health (CRE-DH): <https://credh.org.au/news-events/covid-19-and-people-with-disabilities/>
* Note from Light for the World: <https://www.light-for-the-world.org/leaving-no-one-behind-during-covid-19-outbreak>
* Blog from WaterAid, on equality and inclusion in access to WASH: <https://washmatters.wateraid.org/blog/putting-equality-inclusion-and-rights-at-centre-of-covid-19-water-sanitation-and-hygiene-response>

## III Technical Guidance

### Disability specific

* WHO briefing note: <http://www.who.int/healh-topics/disability#tab=tab_1>
* Recommendations from the International Disability Alliance: <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ida_recommendations_for_disability-inclusive_covid19_response_final.pdf>
* UNICEF Guidance note on considerations for children and adults with disabilities: <https://www.unicef.org/disabilities/files/COVID-19_response_considerations_for_people_with_disabilities_190320.pdf> This guidance not is also available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and accessible versions EPUB, Braille-ready and accessible HTML formats
* UNICEF Guidance Note on risk communication and community engagement with children and adults with disabilities. This guidance is also available in EPUB, Braille-ready and accessible HTML formats: <https://www.unicef.org/disabilities/files/COVID-19__engagement_children_and_adults_with_disabilities_final.pdf>
* GBV AoR Disability Considerations in GBV Programming During the COVID-19 Pandemic: <http://www.sddirect.org.uk/media/1889/gbv-aor-research-query_covid-19-disability-gbv_final-version.pdf>
* UNRWA guidance note <https://www.unrwa.org/covid_19>
* Save the Children ’10 things you should know about COVID 19 and persons with disabilities’: <https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/library/10-things-you-should-know-about-covid-19-and-persons-disabilities>
* Save the Children learning global online platform (Kaya) for the humanitarian sector offers learning on humanitarian and professional skills from across the humanitarian sector <https://kayaconnect.org/> (Sign up for a free Kaya account, then search ‘COVID- 19 pathway’ in the Kaya learning catalogue)
* The UK Department for International Development [rapid review of The Impacts of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities](http://www.sddirect.org.uk/media/1909/disability-inclusion-helpdesk-query-35-covid-19-rapid-evidence-review.pdf)
* A note on a [Disability Inclusive Social Protection Response to COVID-19 Crisis](https://www.social-protection.org/gimi/RessourcePDF.action;jsessionid=roqJOuuHqId0CZpoe2GNDRE-jZAQisnmGDPqhmGw32YaCAWEwD3Z!-1463413688?id=56029), produced by the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
* World Federation of the Deaf: guidance on providing information in sign language during the COVID-19 pandemic: <http://2tdzpf2t7hxmggqhq3njno1y.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/WFD-WASLI-Guidelines-SL-access-FINAL-18March20.pdf>
* CBM advocacy messages, questions to ask and resources: <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/covid-19-resource-cbm.pdf>
* CBM Digital Accessibility Tool as a useful resource when developing accessible and inclusive RCCE: <https://www.cbm.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/CBM-Digital-Accessibility-Toolkit.pdf>
* Inclusiva recommendations on health protection of people with disabilities: <http://onginclusiva.com/onginclusiva/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/RECOMMENDATIONS-FOR-HEALTH-PROTECTION-OF-PEOPLE-WITH-DISABILITIES-DURING-OUTBREAKS.pdf>

### General guidance inclusive of persons with disabilities

* IFRC, OCHA and WHO guidance on including ‘marginalized and vulnerable people’ in community engagement, with a section on persons with disabilities: <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/covid-19-how-include-marginalized-and-vulnerable-people-risk-communication-and?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=shared&utm_source=facebook.com>
* Briefing note from the IASC Reference Group on MHPSS, which includes a section on persons with disabilities: <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/briefing-note-about>
* MHPSS COVID Toolkit , which includes a sheet with links to important resources for a disability- inclusive COVID response: <https://app.mhpss.net/resource/mhpss-covid-19-toolkit-version-1-0>
* UNHCR Age, Gender and Diversity Considerations: COVID 19. Brief guidance note that includes considerations for women and girls, children, youth, older people, LGBTI persons and persons with disabilities: <https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/wp-content/uploads/UNHCR-AGD-Considerations-COVID-19-210320182.pdf>
* UNHCR Risk Communication and Community Engagement- COVID 19 guidance includes 10 tips for consideration and answers on frequently asked questions: <https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/wp-content/uploads/UNHCR-Risk-Communication-and-Community-Engagement-RCCE-COVID-19-2103202.pdf>
* UNHCR Community Based Protection online Community of Practice includes a space dedicated to COVID-19: ). With a [space](https://communities.unhcr.org/communitybasedprotection/en/diversityandinclusion.asset.html/content/usergenerated/asi/cloud/content/sites/communitybasedprotection/en/diversityandinclusion/jcr:content/content/primary/library/persons_with_disabil-fvzb.html) dedicated to persons with disabilitieshttps://communities.unhcr.org/communitybasedprotection/en.html)
* UNHCR [specific folder](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunities.unhcr.org%2Fcommunitybasedprotection%2Fen%2Faccountabilitytoaffectedpeople.asset.html%2Fcontent%2Fusergenerated%2Fasi%2Fcloud%2Fcontent%2Fsites%2Fcommunitybasedprotection%2Fen%2Faccountabilitytoaffectedpeople%2Fjcr%3Acontent%2Fcontent%2Fprimary%2Flibrary%2Fcovid-19-k7Ct.html&data=02%7C01%7Cplacorde%40unhcr.org%7Cf114c8545be84221382308d7d17fa41b%7Ce5c37981666441348a0c6543d2af80be%7C0%7C0%7C637208218608143160&sdata=nYxpec%2B9PpBzXmNgmr1sgvCxZt86TwjYyxkEvcbc0JU%3D&reserved=0) for collecting information, practices and advice on CBP and AAP-related work at time of COVID19.This folder will be updated on a regular basis. Materials are expected to progressively reflect inclusive practices on COVID-19 response for persons with disabilities, and CoP members are invited to share their own practices as well.
* The Global Protection Cluster dedicated webpage to Protection and COVID 19: <https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/covid-19/>

### Workplace- related

* Business Disability Forum advice for employers: <https://businessdisabilityforum.org.uk/media-centre/newsletter/legal-update/legal-march-2020-coronavirus/>