

COVID-19: Know Your Rights

Federal, state and local law protects people with disabilities from discrimination in facilities (like hospitals), employment, education, and in their communities. This does not change during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read these fact sheets to learn about your rights in specific situations:

- [COVID-19: Reasonable Accommodations at Work](#)
- [Hospitals and Rights of Patients with Disabilities During COVID-19](#)
- [What happens with my stimulus payment if I have a Representative Payee?](#)
- [COVID 19: Making Sure People with Disabilities Get Equal Access to Medical Services and Communications](#)
- [COVID-19: Access to State Courts for People with Disabilities](#)
- [COVID-19: Distance Learning and Special Education Services in Minnesota Public Schools](#)

COVID-19 and People with Disabilities

How might people with disabilities be more at risk for COVID-19?

- They may have more complex health concerns and underlying conditions.
- They may need better access to special education services during distance learning.
- They may depend on direct-care staff for support with activities of daily living.
- They may be more likely to live in group or shelter settings where the risk of exposure is greater, and it is harder to maintain social distance.
- They may need help to keep working or have a harder time returning to work.

Even in a crisis, people with disabilities have the right to live, work, learn, and access their community without discrimination or increased safety risks due to COVID-19.

How Can the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) help?

Contact us if you:

- Have questions about your legal rights during this crisis.
- Wish to speak to an attorney about a disability rights issue related to COVID-19.
- Believe you are experiencing disability-related discrimination impacted by COVID-19.
- Are having difficulty receiving accessible information related to COVID-19.

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612-334-5970 or 1-800-292-4150

For more information on other disability issues and other topics go to
www.LawHelpMN.org