

Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL): Partners in COVID-19 Vaccine Access

Webinar
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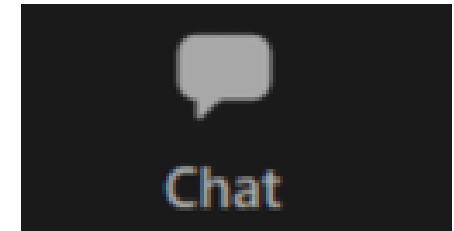
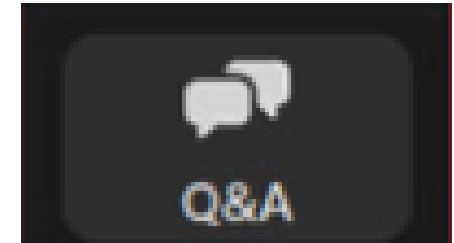
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Agenda

Introduction

- Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Disability Information and Access Line

- Partners and the Disability Network
- DIAL Development and Launch
- Innovative Partners Panel
- Promotional Toolkit

Questions & Answers



Alison Barkoff

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, ACL



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CDC Efforts to Promote COVID-19 Vaccination Among People with Disabilities

September 14, 2021



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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker, United States as of September 13, 2021

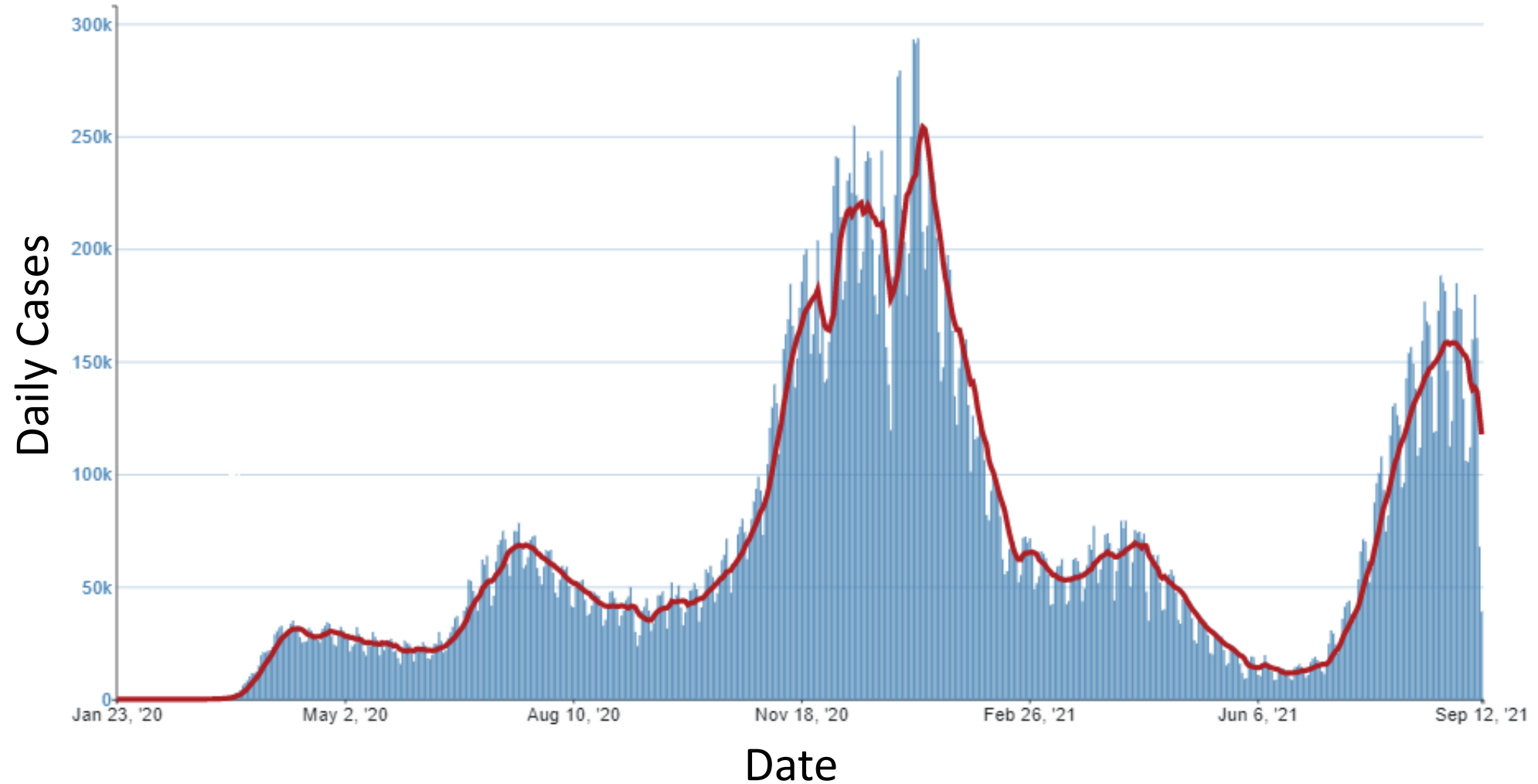
- **Cases Total: 41,001,157**
- **Deaths Total: 658,410**
- **Adults with at least one vaccination: 75.7%**
- **Community Transmission: High**

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>

Daily COVID-19 Case Trend – US

January 23, 2020–September 12, 2021

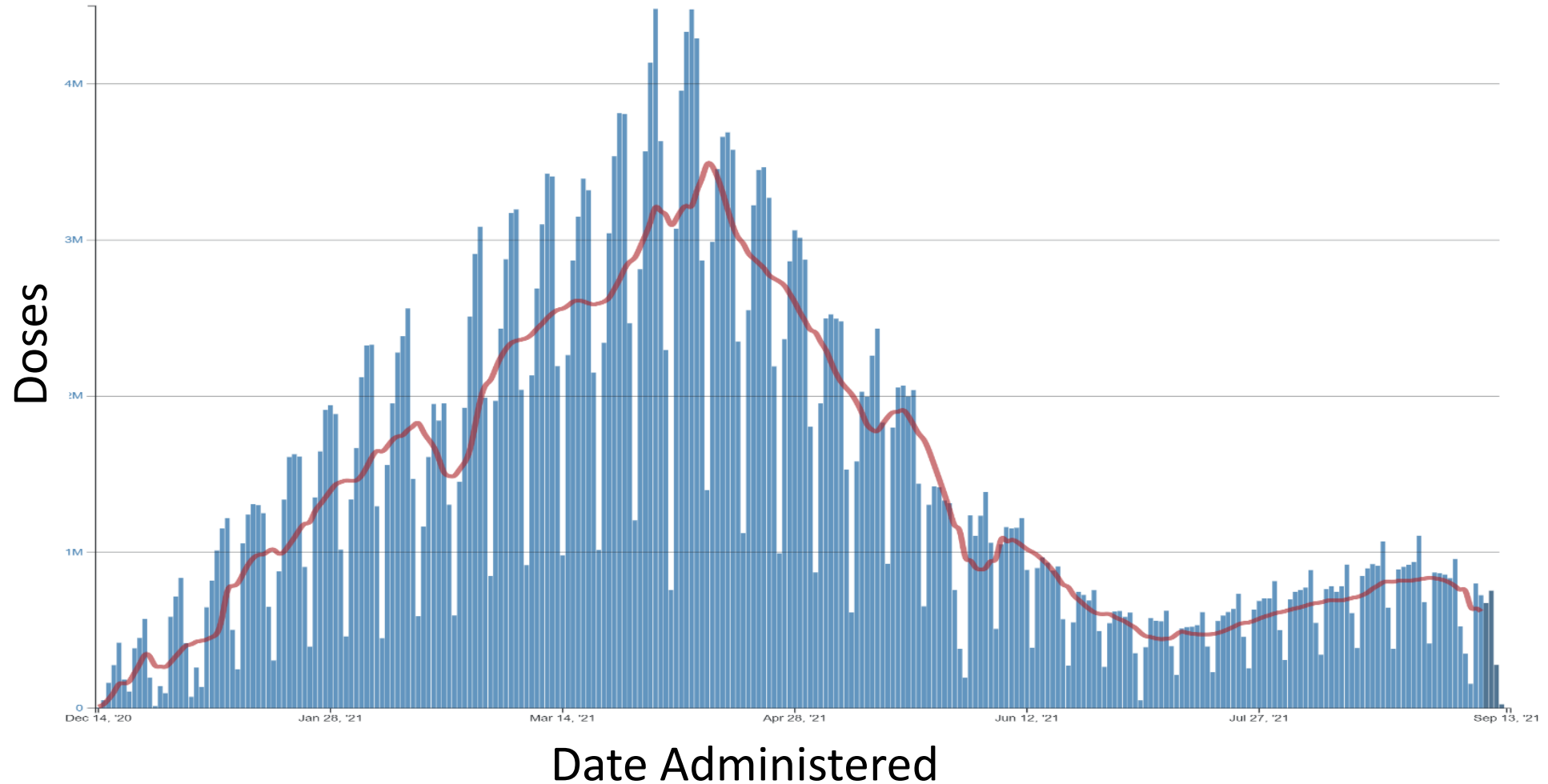
Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC



Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Trend – US

December 14, 2020–September 13, 2021

Daily Count of Total Doses Administered and Reported to CDC by Date Administered, United States



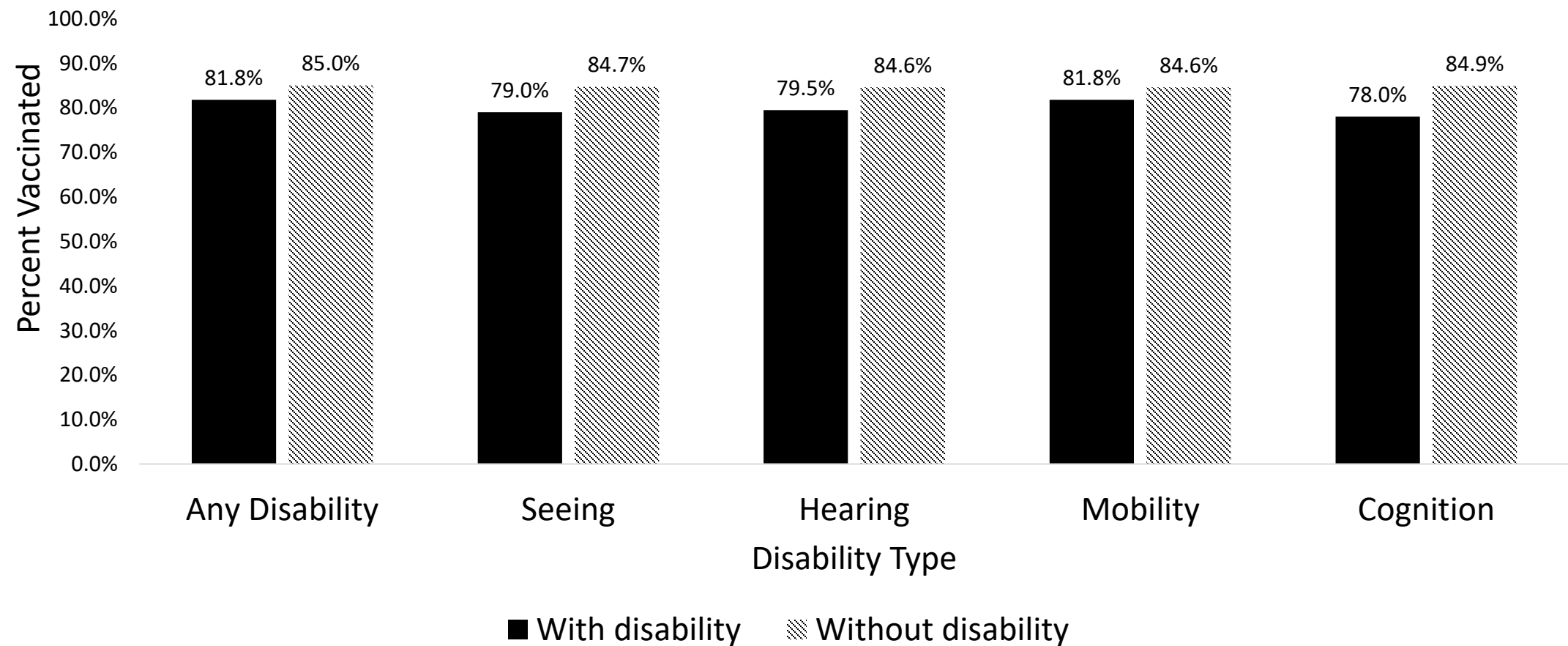
COVID-19 Vaccinations, United States

As of September 13, 2021

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	209,701,005	178,982,950
% of Total Population	63.2%	53.9%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	209,471,095	178,850,499
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	73.9%	63.1%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	195,625,515	167,872,177
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	75.7%	65.0%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	50,755,289	45,107,064
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	92.8%	82.5%

COVID-19 Vaccination Among People with Disabilities

Reported receipt of ≥ 1 doses of COVID-19 vaccine among adults age ≥ 18 years by disability status and disability type, Household Pulse Survey, Conducted August 4–August 30, 2021, United States



COVID-19: A Complex Issue for People with Disabilities



CLD_GSU @CLD_GSU · Jul 26

Hear from Evan & his DSP, Andrew, about why they got the COVID-19 vaccine.

CLD is working with @AUCDNews to ensure all eligible people with disabilities have access to the COVID-19 vaccine by the #ADA anniversary today. [youtube.com/watch?v=giBAyQ...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giBAyQ...)
#VaccinateByADA #AUCDSleeveUP



Erin Vinoski Thomas, PhD, MPH (she/her) and 6 others

CDC Guidance

People with Certain Medical Conditions

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Vaccine Information for People with [Certain Medical Conditions](#).




This information is intended for a general audience. Healthcare providers should see [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with High Risk for Severe COVID-19](#) for more detailed information.

Down syndrome

Having Down syndrome **can make you more likely** to get severely ill from COVID-19.

Get more information:

- [Down syndrome | CDC](#)

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Toolkit for People with Disabilities

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Guidance and tools to help people with disabilities and those who serve or care for them make decisions, protect their health, and communicate with their communities.

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Vaccination

Health Equity – Promoting + Fair Access to Health

Community Mitigation Framework

Cleaning, Disinfecting, & Ventilation

CDC has updated its guidance for people who are fully vaccinated. See [Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#).

Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities

Updated May 17, 2021

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Group homes (GHs) for [people with disabilities](#) can vary in size from small to larger congregate settings. In congregate living

Related Pages

Available Accessible COVID-19 Resources



Protect Yourself from COVID-19

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Things to Know about COVID-19

Some people with COVID-19 feel fine.
Some people with COVID-19 feel bad.
Some people with COVID-19 get very sick.
People with COVID-19 get sick in different ways.
People with other health problems may get very sick.

Protect Yourself from COVID-19

Stay at least 6 feet away from people outside your home.
Stay away from people who are sick.
Wear a mask to protect everyone.
Wash your hands often.
Wash your hands with soap and water.
Wash your hands for 20 seconds.
Sing the happy birthday song twice while washing your hands.
Use hand sanitizer if that is all you have.
Rub the hand sanitizer all over your hands.
Rub your hands until they feel dry.
Washing your hands with soap and water is best.

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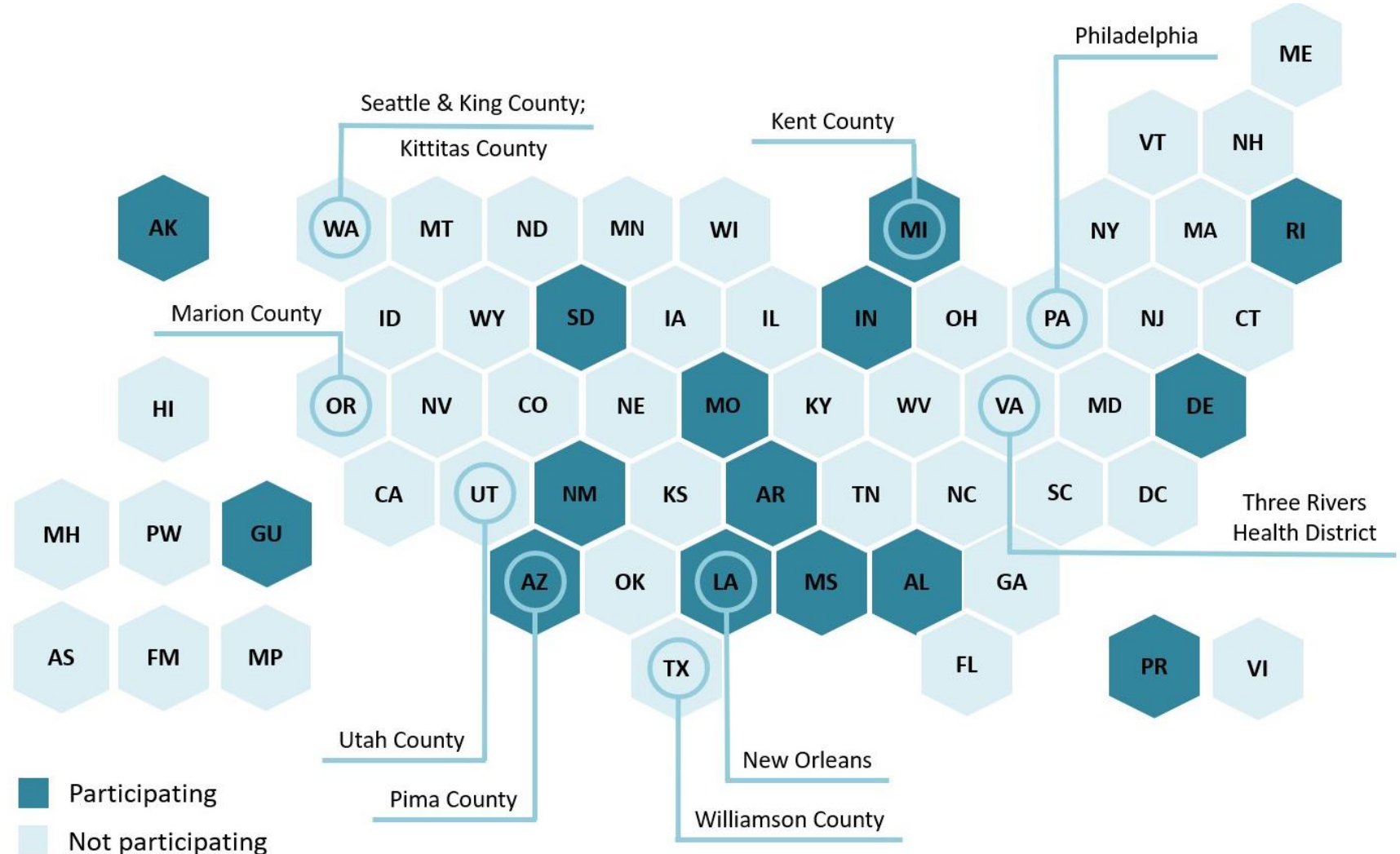
Extra steps you should also follow if
you are at increased risk of
becoming infected

1. Stay home as much as possible.
2. If possible have your groceries, meals, medicine and/or medical supplies delivered or shipped to your house.

<C>IF YOU YOURSELF FS-RISK INCREASED
DANGER
DO-DO? CL-LIST (numerous-too many to
indicate number)
IF POSSIBLE STAY HOME
<C>IF POSSIBLE, FOOD, MEDICINE,
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SET-UP DELIVER
(add FS-DELIVERY)



Addressing Needs of People with Disabilities in COVID-19 Local Preparedness Planning, Mitigation, and Recovery



White House Virtual Forum: Breaking Down Barriers for People Who have Challenges Accessing COVID-19 Vaccine



Disability is a part of vaccine equity

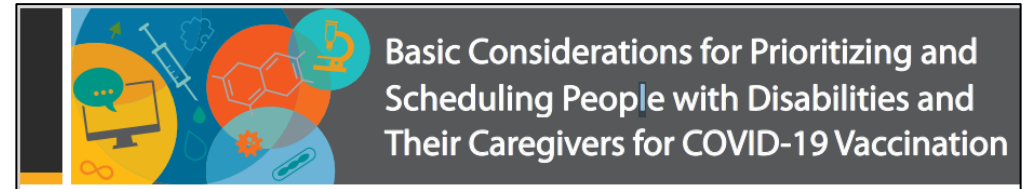


Federal Efforts to Address Needs of People with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Interagency Group on Vaccination of People with Disabilities



FEMA



Example language for online tools and messaging: The following language may be helpful for state and local online vaccine eligibility/finder tools, or can be modified for other purposes (e.g., web language for call centers):

Do you have a disability — or serious difficulty seeing, hearing, walking, concentrating, remembering, or communicating?

■ If YES, do you need [check all that apply]...

(There should be no cost for this assistance)

• Assistance with setting up an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine?

• Assistance arranging for transportation to a vaccination site?

Site accessibility/scheduling considerations:

Vaccine providers/sites should be [ADA compliant](#), however, ease of use or accessibility will vary widely for people with different disabilities. Have basic, up-to-date information on accommodations available at and processes for all vaccination sites readily available **at the time of scheduling**.

For example:

HHS to Expand Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

CDC and ACL Will Provide Nearly \$100 Million in Grants to Aging and Disability Networks in Every State and Territory

As part of President Biden's announcement today that the administration will take further action to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL), will provide nearly \$100 million to help increase vaccinations among older adults and people with disabilities. This effort will help advance the key goals of protecting those most vulnerable and advancing equity within President Biden's National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness.

With funding from CDC, ACL will issue nearly \$93 million in grants to the aging and disability networks in every state and territory. These funds will help provide critical services to overcome barriers that are preventing millions of those most at risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19 from receiving vaccines. This partnership also will provide an additional \$5 million in funding for national hotlines to

Important Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children with Developmental Disabilities (DDs)

Prepublication Release

PEDIATRICS

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Important Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children With Developmental Disabilities

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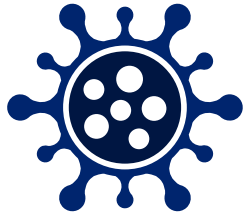
Citation: Tinker SC, Cogswell ME, Peacock G, Ryerson AB. Important Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children With Developmental Disabilities. *Pediatrics*. 2021; doi: 10.1542/peds.2021-053190

- Children with DDs may be at higher risk from COVID-19.
- Strategies can be implemented and supported by pediatricians to ensure that children with DDs, their caregivers, family members, and service providers receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Unique considerations for COVID-19 vaccination for children with DDs can support equitable access of vaccination.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34272340/>

Looking Ahead

COVID-19 vaccine implementation efforts are focused on:



Continued surveillance of variant viruses

To prepare and adapt with a vaccine response



Continued vaccine effectiveness studies

To understand how the vaccines are working



Expanding vaccine-eligible populations

To vaccinate groups like children and adolescents



Combating vaccine hesitancy

And offering vaccines to groups that declined initially



Continuing focus on vaccine equity

To include disproportionately affected communities

DIAL Partners: Disability Network

Curt Decker, Executive Director

The National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN)

Donna Meltzer, CEO

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

Richard Petty, Director

Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU)



Sara Tribe Clark

Director, DIAL and the Eldercare Locator, USAging

Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL)

ACL and USAging leveraged existing call center infrastructure to assist older adults and people with disabilities in:

- Finding a vaccination site
- Appointment scheduling and coordination
- Transportation to vaccination appointments
- Companion/Peer Support
- Figuring out whether in-home vaccination is available

DIAL Partners

- The Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
- Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU)
- The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)
- The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- The National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN)
- The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies

DIAL Partners: Critical Contributions

- Naming the new call center
- Training DIAL Call Center Specialists
- Developing quick-reference scripts
- Advising on where to refer DIAL contacts
- Keeping databases current
- Promotion of DIAL

Reasons for Contacting DIAL

- Seeking In-Home/Onsight vaccination
- Seeking General COVID-19 Vaccination information
- Assistance with COVID-19 Vaccine appointment set-up
- Information about COVID-19 booster shots
- Transportation to Vaccination appointment
- Legal assistance
- Housing options
- Financial assistance
- In-home services

Where is DIAL most likely to refer?

Disability Organizations

- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)
- DD Councils

Other Referrals

- Local Health Departments
- Vaccine.gov
- State COVID Lines
- State Health Departments

Promotion Activities

- DIAL Promotion Workgroup
- Market Survey
- Focus Groups
- MAT Release
- Social Media Toolkit
- Video and Radio PSAs

DIAL Contact Information

- **Phone:** 888-677-1199
- **Email:** DIAL@usaginganddisability.org
- **Webpage:** acl.gov/DIAL
- **Hours of Operation:**
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm ET

Innovative Partners Panel

Facilitator: Melissa Marshall

The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies

Panelists:

- **Diana Autin**, Director, National PLACE
- **Jae Jin Pak**, Co-Founder, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC); University of IL, Chicago's Institute on Disability & Human Development (UCEDD)
- **Angela Lello**, Senior Director, Public Policy, Autism Speaks
- **Curtis Garrett**, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Atlantis Community, Inc.; Denver, CO, CIL

What can you do to spread the word?

Promotion Materials

- Social Media Templates
- Newsletter Templates

DIAL webpage for webinar materials:

www.usaging.org/dialconnect

- Video recording of webinar
- PowerPoint slides
- List of presenter bios

Questions and Answers

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Thank You!

Visit this page for webinar recording and toolkit:
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