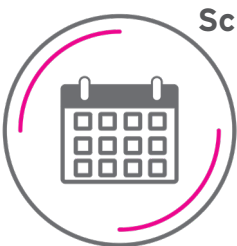

DISABILITY RIGHTS OHIO: COVID-19 Vaccine Rights & Advocacy

Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) is a non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio. The COVID-19 pandemic affects people with disabilities in unique ways. Many people with disabilities face heightened risks related to COVID-19. They are more likely to be infected, hospitalized, and die as a result of COVID-19 exposure. The COVID-19 vaccine is one way to protect yourself and others.

During this crisis, DRO continues to advocate for Ohioans with disabilities by—among other things—helping with the following:



Scheduling vaccine appointments and providing reminders of second appointments and booster appointments



Connecting home-bound individuals with in-home vaccination services and options



Arranging transportation needed to reach a vaccine site



Connecting people to objective, accurate information about the importance of receiving a vaccine

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, no healthcare entity can deny you treatment just because you have a disability. If you want the COVID-19 vaccine but need reasonable accommodations, vaccine providers may have to adjust their policies to ensure you can receive the COVID-19 vaccine in a manner that accommodates your disability.

DRO stands in solidarity with our community during this extremely challenging time. We want to make sure Ohioans with disabilities have information about and access to the COVID-19 vaccine. If you or a person you know has a disability and needs assistance with the COVID-19 vaccine, or if you have questions about your rights, you should call **Disability Rights Ohio's Intake Line** at 614-466-7264 or 1-800-282-9181 and press option 2.

You are not alone, DRO is here to help and we hope you, your loved ones, and your communities are staying safe and healthy.