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TO: DDD PROVIDER NETWORK
FROM: Division of Developmental Disabilities
RE: Response to COVID-19 (rel23)
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COVID-19 Guidance for Alabama HCBS Waiver Service Providers
Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

This guidance includes several links you may find beneficial as you seek to stay informed about Covid-19 and ensure that individuals, families and direct support staff are informed.

[Community-Based Organizations COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit | CDC](#) Includes information that will help your organization educate individuals, families, and workers about COVID-19 vaccines, raise awareness about the benefits of vaccination, and address common questions and concerns. It contains template letters, printable posters/flyers and stickers, and sample media posts that can inform and educate individuals.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/toolkits/people-with-disabilities.html> CDC COVID-19 Toolkit for People with Disabilities

<https://cidi.gatech.edu/covid> Georgia Tech's accessible COVID-19 resources, including plain language fact sheets.

Below are links to a blog series written by Alyssa Meuwissen, PhD and Research Associate at the University of Minnesota. She explores some common questions from parents and caregivers about the loss of enrichment opportunities, the increase in screen time, what can be done to mitigate concerns, and a lot more!

[Part 1: Will our kids be okay? Parents' concerns about the pandemic's effect on children](#)

[Part 2: The middle ground: supporting children's brain development during the pandemic](#)

[Part 3: The pandemic's biggest impact on children? How it affects adults](#)

Please send any questions you may have relating to COVID-19, services, etc., to:
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