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

How might people with disabilities be more vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19?

- They may have more complex health concerns and underlying conditions.
- They may require school-based supports and services.
- They may have a need for effective communication.
- They may depend on direct care staff for support with activities of daily living.
- They may be more likely to live in congregate, long-term care or shelter settings where the risk of exposure is greater, and it is harder to maintain social distance.

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 DLC Can Help

Contact us if you:

- Have questions about your legal rights during the crisis
- Wish to speak with 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