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To: ODDS Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: COVID-19 toolkit for people with disabilities



Screen shot from one of the social stories.

A COVID-19 vaccine toolkit for people with disabilities is now available on the [OHA Community Resources web page](#).

The toolkit includes new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) with information specific to people with disabilities. Common questions include medication interaction, what to do about accessibility issues at clinics, immunocompromising health conditions and much more.

There are also two social stories, one on [Why Get a COVID-19 Vaccine](#) and another on what to expect when [Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

Social stories are visual guides to important information. They were originally created as a tool to help people with autism understand social situations, cope with change and know what to expect from an event or process. However, the use of social stories has broadened and can help any people who are visual learners or need to understand a process in a step-by-step manner.

There are also ASL videos, communication cards and many other resources in the toolkit.

This was a collaborative effort between stakeholders in the disabilities community, the Oregon Health Authority, the COVID Response and Recovery Unit and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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