

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

COVID-19 and Communication

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AUDIENCE:

Administrative Entities, Supports Coordination Organizations and Agencies, Other Service Providers, and Other Professionals Supporting Individuals with Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, and Other Developmental Disabilities

PURPOSE:

To announce and disseminate the Tool Kit for Communication and COVID-19

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Special Populations Unit is pleased to share the Tool Kit for Communication and COVID-19. It is important that everyone has access to information on the novel Coronavirus and what is happening in their community. Effective communication is essential for sharing symptoms people may be having, as well as for complying with medical treatment. The Coronavirus has many people feeling anxious and scared, too; it is important for everyone to have equal access for communicating those feelings.

The Tool Kit is attached and below are two webinars that ODP is hosting to review each element of the Tool Kit and how to use it most effectively. Please note that each session will be in both English and American Sign Language. To register for a webinar, please click one of the links below.

For Individuals and Families	April 15th from 1:00pm - 2:00pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7815671004460681229
For Providers and Others	April 15th from 2:30pm – 3:30pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8160931949233537037

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