

# Disability *Rights*

South Dakota

## Your Rights During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Federal and state law protect individuals with disabilities from discrimination in facilities, employment, 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 depend on direct care staff for supports with activities of daily living
- ✓ They may be more likely to live in congregate 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 DRSD CAN HELP

Contact us if you:

- Have questions about your legal rights during this crisis
- May be experiencing disability-related discrimination impacted by COVID-19
- Have difficulty receiving accessible information related to COVID-19
- Wish to speak to an advocate about a disability rights issue related to COVID-19

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