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# Making Quality A Habit

## Putting Person Centered Practices to Work

*Resource Notes*



**#COVID19**

### **Leaving No-One behind in the Disability-Inclusive Response**

In the light of the COVID19 pandemic and with the aim to support a disability-inclusive response to the crisis, International Disability Alliance (IDA) has launched this hub-page to share the most recent updates and resources as they become available.

If you have any updates on how COVID 19 is affecting persons with disabilities in your area of work, or want to share any good practices or lessons learnt, contact IDA's inclusive humanitarian adviser, Elham Youssefian via [eyoussefian@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:eyoussefian@ida-secretariat.org).

Recommendations can be downloaded at [www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org)

#### **Our key recommendations include:**

- 1 Persons with disabilities must receive information about infection mitigating tips, public restriction plans, and the services offered, in a diversity of accessible formats with use of accessible technologies
- 2 Additional protective measures must be taken for people with certain types of impairment
- 3 Rapid awareness raising and training of personnel involved in the response are essential
- 4 All preparedness and response plans must be inclusive of and accessible to women with disabilities
- 5 No disability-based institutionalization and abandonment is acceptable
- 6 During quarantine, support services, personal assistance, physical and communication accessibility must be ensured
- 7 Measures of public restrictions must consider persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others
- 8 Persons with disabilities in need of health services due to COVID19 cannot be deprioritized on the ground of their disability
- 9 OPDs can and should play a key role in raising awareness of persons with disabilities and their families.
- 10 OPDs can and should play a key role in advocating for disability-inclusive response to the COVID19 crisis.