AAHD COVID-19 & DISABILITY SURVEY: KEY FINDINGS ON PANDEMIC INFORMATION & IMPACT

Introduction
People with disabilities experience unique risks during disasters, epidemics, and pandemics that can impact health and health care. Yet, we do not know the full impact of COVID-19 on people with disabilities.

Research Approach
AAHD conducted the COVID-19 and Disability Survey between April 17 and May 1, 2020, and 2,469 adults with disabilities responded, including adults with cognition disabilities (58%), mobility disabilities (27%), vision disabilities (8%), and hearing disabilities (7%).

Main Findings- COVID-19 Information & Impact

Ranking of Sources of COVID-19 Information
- 31% of respondents said Television was the most important source of information, followed by the Internet (24%), and Health Care Providers and Relatives, both at 15%.
- Television (25%), the Internet (25%), and Social Media (13%) were selected as the second-most important sources of information.
- Social Media (16%), Television (14%) and the Internet (13%) were selected as the third-most important source of information about COVID-19.
- Health Care Providers ranked low as sources of information about COVID-19 (15%-Most Important; 9%-Second Most Important; and 12%-Third Most Important).

Following COVID-19 Recommendations
- 95% of respondents were following COVID-19 public health recommendations.
- Only 5% of respondents said they were not following COVID-19 recommendations, but that still means over 100 respondents were potentially endangering others!

COVID-19 Testing
- 4% of respondents had received a test for COVID-19.
- 96% had not received a test.
- Top reason for not getting a test (when needed): No Test Available (13%).

Anxiety & Depression During the Pandemic
- 76% of respondents feeling anxious or depressed had emotional support or services.
- 24% of respondents were without emotional support or services.

Conclusion
- Population-based research is critically needed to document these issues nationally.

Full results are available at: https://www.aahd.us/initiatives/dissemination/covid-19-disability-survey/.

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