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. Adults with difficulties reading, writing, or communicating made up 1% of the sample (34 persons).

Main Findings- COVID-19 Information & Impact

Ranking of Sources of COVID-19 Information
- 33% of respondents said Television was the most important source of information, followed by the Internet (30%), and Health Care Providers (15%).
- Television (37%), the Internet (26%), and Health Care providers, Print Media, Friends, and Other (all at 7%) were chosen as second-most important sources.
- Television, the Internet, and Social Media (all at 15%) were selected as the third-most important sources of information about COVID-19.
- Future messaging should use Television and Health Care Providers in providing information.

Following COVID-19 Recommendations
- 96% of respondents were following COVID-19 public health recommendations.
- Only 4% of respondents said they were not following COVID-19 recommendations, but that still means some respondents were potentially endangering others!

COVID-19 Testing
- 7% of respondents had received a test for COVID-19.
- 93% had not received a test!
- Top reasons for not getting a test when needed: No Test Available (4%), Health Care Provider Wouldn’t Approve (4%), Inaccessible Information (4%), and Other (4%).

Anxiety & Depression During the Pandemic
- 79% of respondents feeling anxious or depressed had emotional support or services.
- 21% of respondents were without emotional support or services.

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

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

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