

NJAIDD Network Virtual Town Hall



COVID-19 One Year Listening Session



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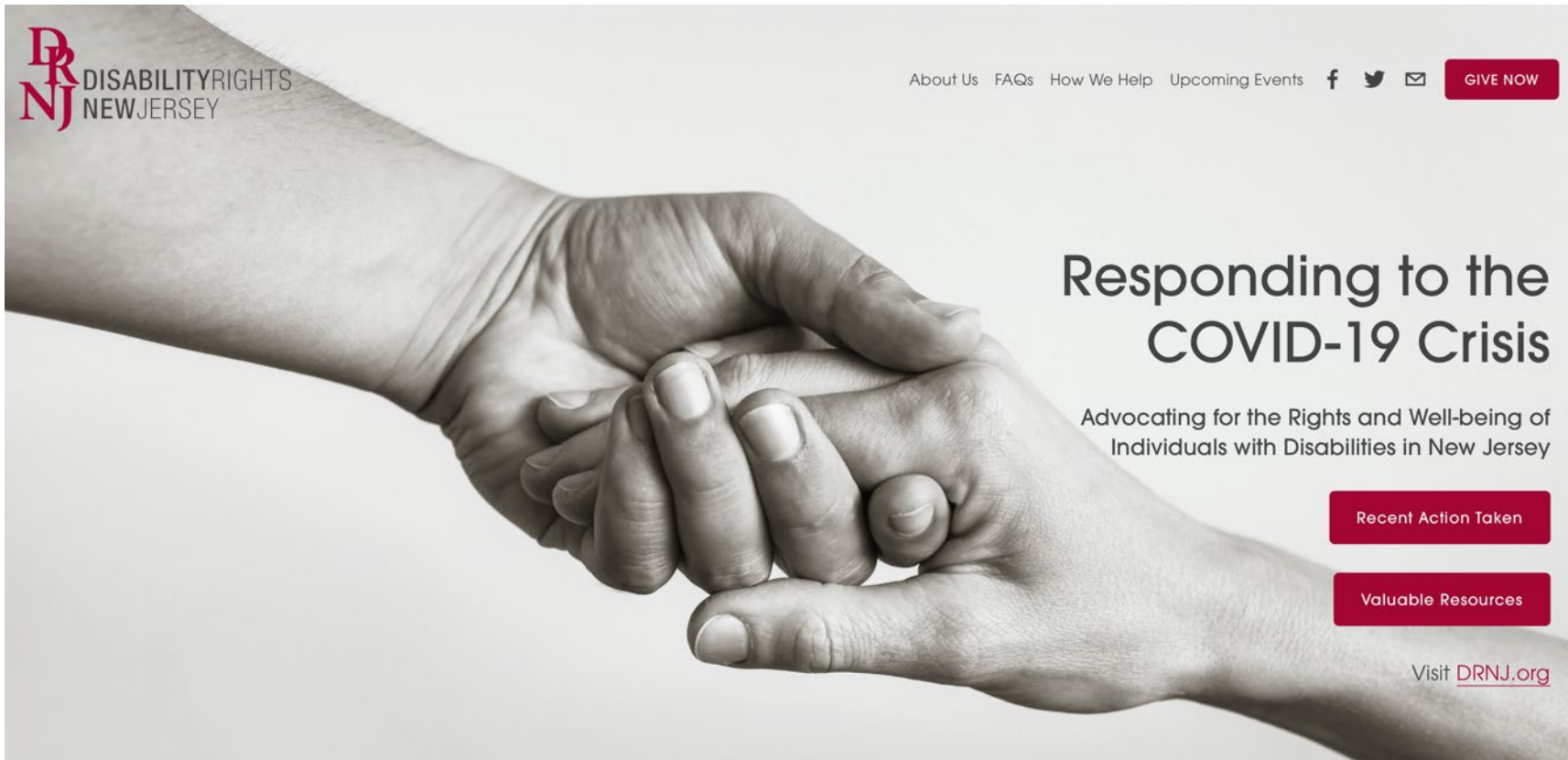
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Informational Resources About the COVID-19 Vaccine

Available Online

<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/publications/COVID19Vaccine.html>

- COVID-19 Vaccine Facts for the Developmental Disabilities Community
- Getting A COVID-19 Vaccine: A Social Story for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

For more COVID-19 Info and Resources:
<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html>

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COVID-19 VACCINE FACTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY

spreads easily and can make people very sick. Their families, friends, and supporters play an important role in getting a vaccine.

GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE: A SOCIAL STORY FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

COVID-19 is a disease caused by a virus that spreads easily and can make people very sick. The COVID-19 vaccine is a medicine that prevents you from getting COVID-19. Like most vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine is given by shots using a needle. This social story can help you understand why it's important to get a COVID-19 vaccine and what you can expect.

I want to protect myself and people around me from getting sick from COVID-19.

I will get a COVID-19 vaccine so I don't get very sick from COVID-19.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are different versions of the vaccine. Most require 2 shots given 3 to 4 weeks apart.

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We want to hear from you!!

- Enter your questions, comments and concerns in the chat box, OR
- Raise your hand and we will unmute your microphone.



Topics of Discussion

❖ Adults 21 and older

❖ Children under 21



COVID-specific resources for adults

- Problems with a provider complying with DDD's COVID policies?
 - Call Disability Rights New Jersey
 - Email DDD.COVID19@dhs.nj.gov
- Looking for available vaccine?
 - AutismNJ and VNA offering special vaccination pilot for adults with DD. <https://www.autismnj.org/vnacj>



Adults with DD

- DDD COVID-19 licensed day program and residential visitation policy changes
- Vaccination roll-out
- Summer programming



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Children with DD

- Visitation and programming closures
- Vaccine for children age 16 and up
 - NOTE: AutismNJ and VNA will accept vaccine pre-registration for young adults aged **18** and older

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