

# DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER - NH

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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Disability Rights Center-NH is committed to addressing the legal needs of people with disabilities across New Hampshire during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

In order to protect the health and safety of our staff and ensure that we will be able to continue to provide high quality legal services, we will conduct meetings remotely and our office will be closed to the general public. Our phone lines will remain open during regular business hours (Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 4:30) and people in need of legal assistance should call us at 603-228-0432 or email [mail@drcnh.org](mailto:mail@drcnh.org) to schedule an appointment to speak to an attorney.

People with disabilities are more vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 as many have fragile health situations, receive school-based supports and services, depend on direct care staff for support with activities of daily living, and live in congregate settings where the risk of exposure is greater. However, even in a crisis, people with disabilities have the right to live, work, learn, and access their community without discrimination.

We have written to Governor Sununu thanking him for his leadership and quick action in addressing the needs of New Hampshire residents in response to COVID-19 and urging him to take additional measures to address the critical needs of adults and children with disabilities. [Our letter regarding the impact of COVID-19 on people with disabilities is available here.](#)

We will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19 and hold agencies accountable to address the needs of people with disabilities during this crisis. We will provide regular updates to our community via [drcnh.org/covid-19](http://drcnh.org/covid-19), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

## **Please contact us if you:**

- Have questions about your legal rights during this time
- Are unable to access critical information
- Wish to speak with an attorney about a disability-related legal issue

## **Additional Resources:**

- NH COVID-19 Hotline: Call 2-1-1 with questions or concerns related to COVID-19
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services: [Covid-19 Resource Page](#)

*Protection and Advocacy System for New Hampshire*

- Parent Information Center NH: [Covid-19 and Special Education - What NH Families Need to Know](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Coronavirus Resource Page](#)
- Administration for Community Living: [What do Older Adults and People with Disabilities Need to Know?](#)
- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center: [Plain Language Information on Covid-19](#)
- National Health Law Program: [Coronavirus Resources](#)