

Plain Language TASH in Action Covid-19 Letter

A Joint Position Statement on the Right to Equal Access to Medical Treatment

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the following organizations agree that people with intellectual, developmental and the most significant disabilities should be able to receive treatment. People with disabilities are more at risk of isolation and of being severely affected by the virus. So, we believe that they should:

- Be able to do supported decision making during any emergency.
- Have access formats in plain language, texts, and visuals.
- Be able to receive access to supports and support persons to address the individuals needs related to social/emotional, communication, physical and healthcare needs.
- Have the right to decide what to do in a crisis.
- Receive the accommodations they need.
- Be able to have someone within to help make decisions if they get the virus.

Respectfully,

(signed organizations)