

Coronavirus Information Compilations and Survey Research in DS Sector

1. Community Living Ontario has compiled [a resource page](#) for self-advocates, families, and agencies, which is to be kept up to date as policies and changes take place.
2. One of the items on the CLO's resource page is a link to a [survey of families being conducted by a Sector Pandemic Planning Initiative](#). The text below provides more information about the survey, which we are going to request be shared not just with agencies, but with family organizations as well. DANEEO received the invitation to participate from Amelia McIntyre who is project coordinator for the [IF Library](#) at Surrey Place in Toronto.

The survey is designed to learn:

- **The needs of families during this time**
- **The impact of COVID-19 on your family member who has a developmental disability**
- **The impact of COVID-19 on you as a caregiver**
- **What resources, if any, have you found helpful?**
- **What supports are needed in terms of health and safety, developmental services, or technology?**

The survey is voluntary. All responses are anonymous and confidential. A working group will gather the confidential responses and create a list of priorities. This can then be used to help with advocacy and the creation of resources to support families and people with developmental disabilities during times like these.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. You can go back and edit your responses as long as you have the survey open. Once you click the 'Done' button and submit the survey, you will not be able to edit your responses.

[Take the Survey Now](#)

The survey will remain open with no defined deadline, to allow families to provide their input as they find the time to do it. Though we are asking you to please make an effort to complete the survey in the next 2 weeks, if possible

3. Links to online educational resources abound, and there are many compilations out there. One of Family Alliance Ontario members shared the attached document of resources and references. One of its features is a graphic and plain language interpretation of pandemic info and social norms.

4. Anyone have a unique and tasty banana bread recipe?? Groan.

Regards, and be safe.

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