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## **An Important Message: Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19**

People with intellectual disabilities are more likely to catch COVID-19 and to get very sick or die compared with other people. If you haven't already been vaccinated for COVID-19, it's important that you get an appointment as soon as you can. If you are worried about how the vaccine might affect you, you need to speak to your doctor to get the right advice.

We know that some people are finding it hard to work out how to get an appointment for a vaccination. Ask people you trust for help to get the information you need, and to get your vaccination. And if you can help other people get vaccinated, that's great too!

One way to get help is to contact a Disability Liaison Officer. They help people with a disability to book an appointment at a vaccination centre, or can organise for you to get a vaccination at home or in hospital. To contact a Disability Liaison Officer, you need to email [DLOcoordinator@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:DLOcoordinator@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

You can also find out information about the vaccine, and how to get an appointment on the Victorian Government's Coronavirus website here - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability>

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sessions**

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VALID is pleased to host two Information sessions on the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination program. The sessions will include presentations from members of the the Department of Health's Vaccination Champions Program. The Vaccine Champions will provide up to date information about the COVID-19 vaccine and will be able to answer your questions about the vaccination program.

**Session 1 - For people with disabilities** Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 10:30-11:30am (for more information contact [Jon@valid.org.au](mailto:Jon@valid.org.au))

You need to register for this meeting. Click on the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOGppj8pE9O0XB\\_YU3PTHCCy4f\\_tVaNp](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOGppj8pE9O0XB_YU3PTHCCy4f_tVaNp)

You will get an email with information about how to join the meeting.

**Session 2 - For Families** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2021 10:30-11:30am

You need to register for this meeting. Click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcemgrDMsG9IkKcMnDJRkli9J9JZm4e3W>

You will get an email with information about how to join the meeting.

Please contact [Jon@valid.org.au](mailto:Jon@valid.org.au) or [Christine@valid.org.au](mailto:Christine@valid.org.au) for more information or go to our website [here](#).

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**[Having a Say Conference 2022](#)**

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Having a Say Forever!****Having a Say Conference****21 – 23 February 2022**Theme: *"You're Still My Best Friend"*

We invite people with a disability, families and workers to register for the 2022 Having a Say (HaS) conference.

The Having a Say Conference is back on in February 2022! The theme is "You're 'Still' My Best Friend". The Conference is on Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 February.

You can register and find out more about the Conference [here](#).

### VALID Succession Planning Course in 2022



Places in this course are full until the end of 2021, but we have a few places available in April and May next year!

VALID's Succession Planning course is **free online** for Victorian family members of people with disability. It includes four core sessions and three optional sessions:

- To assist you to map out what things you need to put in place for the future
- Information on options for financial, accommodation and legal issues
- Setting up your family member to receive quality of care, e.g. Circle of Support
- Optional sessions will have guest speakers on Wills, trusts, Supportive Attorneys, Guardianship & Admin and what accommodation support is funded by the NDIS

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- 👍 Vote within the VALID Inc. Association
- 👍 Take part in working parties and sub-committees
- 👍 Receive a free Having a Say conference DVD.

And more!

So, go to our website and become a member today!

<https://www.valid.org.au/support-us/membership/>

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