

Michigan Vaccination Partners

Who We Are: The Autism Alliance of Michigan, Disability Rights Michigan, and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute each received COVID-19 Supplement IV grants to ensure greater equity and access to vaccinations for people disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our organizations have joined together to optimize the collective impact of our funding.



Our vision is to create healthy communities for all. To achieve this vision and sustain our efforts long-term, we are inviting health providers to become a **Most Valuable Provider (MVP)** and offer vaccination and health clinic experiences that are accessible and welcoming to all people across Michigan.

Why is MVP Needed?

Disability is Common:

1 in 4 adults in the United States has a disability.

People with Disabilities Experience Health Disparities:

including higher rates of diabetes, stroke, COPD, cancer, and depression compared to those without disabilities.

People with Disabilities Experience Barriers to Adequate Health Care Including:

Attitudinal: Ableism, stereotyping, stigma, and discrimination.

Physical: Obstacles that prevent access or block mobility such as curbs and steps.

Transportation: Lack of adequate and accessible transportation.

Social determinants of health: Including lack of affordable and accessible housing, and lower rates of employment, education, and income.

Lack of Disability Data Perpetuates Disparities:

We measure what we treasure.

- Data collection is a fundamental pillar of public health.
- Inaccurate/inadequate data can misguide public health responses.
- We can't show how we are moving the needle on disparities without disability status.

People with Disabilities are Disproportionately Affected by COVID

People with disabilities were 6x more likely to die from COVID-19 than those without disabilities.

References: *Disability, Health Equity & COVID-19*, <https://nihcm.org/publications/disability-health-equity>. Published Sept 21, 2021. *MDHHS Guidelines & Best Practices for Accessibility at Michigan Vaccination Sites*. Updated May 11, 2021.

How to Become MVP Certified



MVP CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	BENEFITS
Training	Healthcare Workers Complete 90-Minute online MVP Disability Training https://ddi.wayne.edu/mvp/disability-training	Free CME/CEUs for physicians, nurses, PAs, OTs, PTs, RDs, social workers Improved clinical care for all patients
ADA Compliant	Site is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (i.e., wheelchair accessible)	Free consultation with Disability Rights Michigan (DRM), if desired
Sensory-friendly	Site is Sensory-Friendly (i.e., phone consultation with Autism Alliance of Michigan to discuss sensory-friendly site)	Free sensory kits and treatment room materials Free training videos
Data Collection	Disability Status Collected using the ACS-6/BRFSS questions (see below) Provide monthly data - during the funding period only (ending 6/30/2024)	Free technical assistance from Phoenix (Population Health Outcomes and Information Exchange) https://phoenix.wayne.edu/ Free geomapping from PHOENIX
Marketing	Market immunization clinic/events as MVP/disability friendly	Free MVP promotional materials Recognition on MVP website Promotion on MVP social media

Six questions used by the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) to determine disability status:

1. Are you deaf, hard of hearing, or do you have serious difficulty hearing?
2. Are you blind, or do you have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses?
3. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions? (5 years old or older)
4. Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs? (5 years old or older)
5. Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing? (5 years old or older)
6. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping? (15 years old or older)

To learn more visit: www.ddi.wayne.edu/mvp