

KNOW YOUR

RIGHTS

COVID-19

Laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act protect people with disabilities from discrimination in public services, employment, education, and their communities. A pandemic, like COVID-19, does not change those rights, unless it puts medical staff or others in danger.

If you go to the hospital during this pandemic, you have rights.



- You have a right to medical care like everyone else. You cannot be denied medical care, including a ventilator (a machine that helps you breath), just because of your disability.



- You have a right to bring a friend, family member, or personal assistant who will assist you at the hospital, if needed to communicate, to understand the management of my care, or for self-care. This is a reasonable accommodation.



- You have a right to your service dog.

- You have a right to your belongings like your wheelchair or ventilator.

- You have a right to get information in ways you understand.



- If you are deaf, you have a right to ASL interpreting.

- If blind, you have a right to information in Braille or large print.



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**DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES NETWORK**

Contact Kentucky Protection & Advocacy if you:

- Have questions about your legal rights
- Believe you have been discriminated against due to disability
- Are denied accommodations for your disability
- Have trouble getting information you understand on COVID-19

**Kentucky Developmental
Disabilities Network:**

- Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Kentucky Protection & Advocacy
- University of Kentucky Human Development Institute

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