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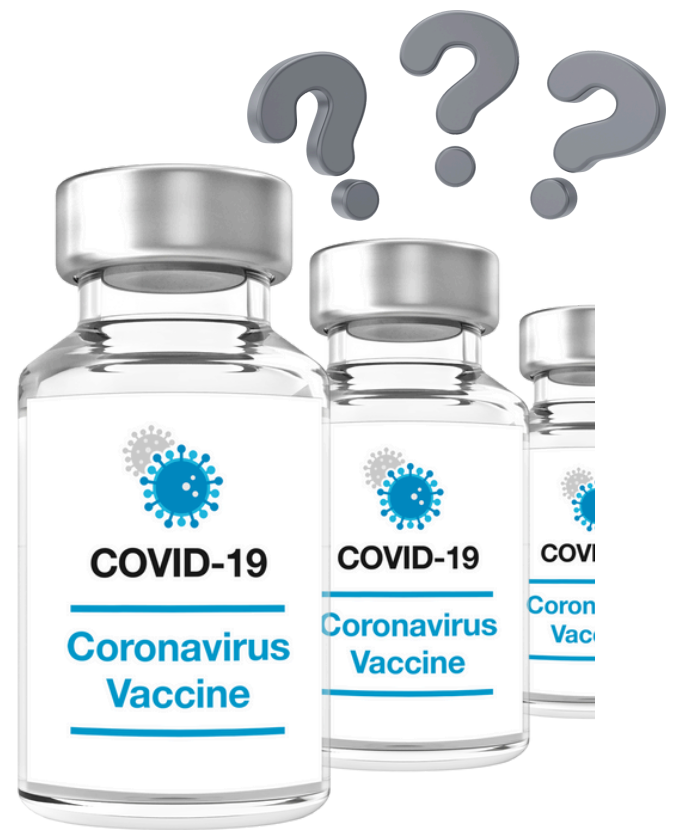
Improving COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Adults with IDD

**“They need to speak a language
everyone can understand”**



Why did we do this research?

Vaccines helped to stop people from getting very sick from COVID-19. But, information about the vaccine was hard to understand for people with IDD.



We wanted to know how people with IDD, their family, friends, and workers found and understood vaccine information.



What did we do?

We made a survey to ask people how they learned about the COVID-19 vaccine and if the information was easy or hard to understand.



What do you think?

Do you think the idea is a good one?

 **Yes** ☒

 **Not sure** ☐

 **No** ☐

A hand is shown writing on the 'Yes' checkbox.

People filled out the survey between March and July of 2022.

They could do it by themselves or someone could help them.



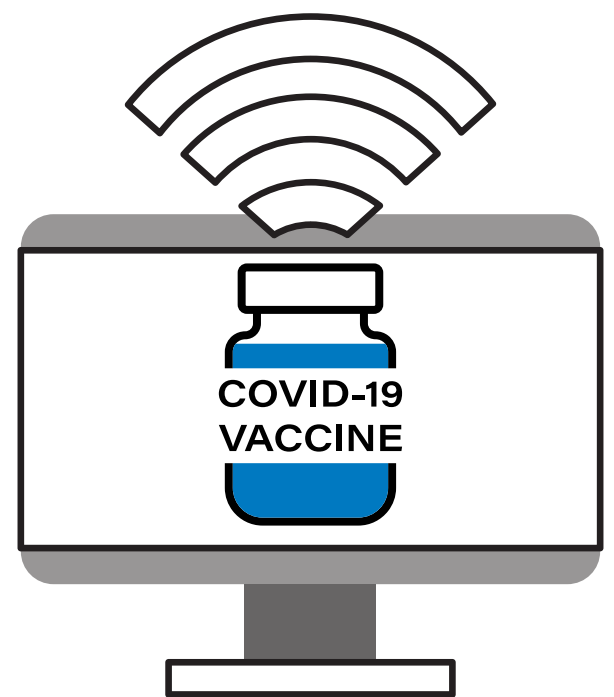
What did we learn?

208 adults with IDD, 102 friends and family, and 54 workers filled out the survey.



People learned about the vaccine in different ways:

- Adults with IDD and workers mostly used the news, TV, and social media.
- Family and friends used government websites and searched for information on their own.



- People also learned from healthcare workers, pharmacies, and virtual support groups.

What did we learn?

There were problems with vaccine information:

- Vaccine information was hard to find and hard to understand.
- Sometimes, people did not trust the information about the vaccine.
- It was confusing to book a vaccine appointment.



How can we use this information?

People who filled out the survey gave us ideas on how to make things better:

Make health information easy to understand and share it in different ways.

Some people like videos and pictures, and other people want information read out loud or printed on paper.



“Nothing about us without us”



Public health should talk to people with IDD, their families, and friends to figure out how to make information easier to understand. They want to help.

This research article is posted in a journal called *Vaccine*.

Title: "They need to speak a language everyone can understand": Accessibility of COVID-19 vaccine information for Canadian adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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