



# WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A CAREGIVER WITH COVID-19



If you are a caregiver of a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), it is important that you plan ahead.

## 1- MAKE A PLAN

- Identify who your back-up caregiver will be if you get sick. This could be a family member, friend, or a substitute caregiver.
- Review the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) with your back-up caregiver.
- Communicate with your back-up person the type of daily support the person with I/DD will need.
- Notify the DDD case manager if you think additional in-home supports will be needed.



- Create a list of emergency contacts and share it with your back-up caregiver.
- Support the emotional well-being of person with I/DD throughout the emergency by acknowledging any feelings the person with I/DD may have and talk about things that can help bring the stress level down.

## 2- PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE

Follow the steps from the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>



## 3- MONITOR SAFELY

- Dry cough, fever, and difficulty breathing are signs of infection that may worsen with time.
- Wear PPE as indicated.
- Contact your physician or 911 for support when advanced medical care is required.
- Follow CDC and DOH recommendations on when to discontinue home monitoring.



**For more info, visit -**  
<https://health.hawaii.gov/ddd>  
<https://health.hawaii.gov/bhhsurg/>

Sources:

- <https://hawaiicovid19.com>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
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