



## Governor Announces Expansion of COVID Vaccine Eligibility to People with I/DD Over the Age of 16

The Arc of New Jersey is very happy to report that Governor Murphy is expanding vaccine eligibility for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the age of 16, starting April 5. The Governor will make a formal announcement with the news later today, but the Associated press is reporting it now. To view the article, [click here](#). The Arc of New Jersey has put a tremendous amount of work into achieving this outcome and we have kept significant pressure on the Governor's Office and members of the Administration to ensure people with I/DD were made a priority for vaccine eligibility. We have been pressing the need, to make all people with I/DD eligible, with the Commissioners of Health and Human Services, as well as high-ranking members of both departments and the Governor's staff. We are very glad to see the Governor is taking action today in response to our advocacy and that people with I/DD will now be eligible for vaccination starting April 5. This is a big win for our community and one that will help keep people safe from COVID.



We thank Governor Murphy, Department of Human Services Acting Commissioner Adelman and Department of Health Commissioner Persichilli for recognizing people with I/DD as a priority for vaccine eligibility and for taking steps to expand access to those we represent.

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