

Letter-writing campain guide

COVID-19 : Addressing the need to prioritize vaccines for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

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INTRODUCTION

We know that the prioritization of the COVID-19 vaccine for individuals who have intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder is a subject that is concerning to you. Many community organization members of CRADI have received phone calls from concerned parents who would like to advocate for the prioritization of the vaccine on behalf of their loved but were not sure how to do so.

We have therefore put together a guide to help which includes:

* Sample letter
* List of Montreal representatives
* List of advocates and spokespeople for matters of health, social services and caregivers

SAMPLE LETTER

Please find below a sample letter. Everything highlighted in yellow can be modified to fit your situation. This letter is a suggestion. We encourage you to describe your situation. You are a citizen and you are completely entitled to lobby your representative regarding a decision made by the government. Their job is to represent their population.

Please note that there is a link to the article in Le devoir from January 20 which is in blue so that the deputy can easily access the article.

Dear Mr Representative,

I am a constituent of your riding and the sister of an individual with an intellectual disability.

In the article published in [Le Devoir](https://www.ledevoir.com/politique/quebec/593578/vaccin-plus-hatif-pour-les-personnes-autistes-ou-ayant-une-deficience-intellectuelle) on January 20, 2021, Minister Lionel Carmant explained that he wants to re-evaluate the position of people with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder on the vaccination priority list.

Since then, we have not had any response from the government. There have been no modifications or updates regarding this on the Quebec government’s website. Can you please remind Minister Carmant of his promises and of our requests?

\*Prioritizing people living with an intellectual disability (ID) or an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) accommodated in IR, RTF, RAC and CHSLD (include them in level 1 of the priority list)

\* Prioritizing people living with ID or ASD who cannot wear PPE, comply with or understand the instructions and health measures for behavioral or cognitive reasons. (Include them in level 1)

\* Prioritization of workers in community organizations who are in direct contact with the population (include them in level 2)

\* Targeted prioritization of people living with ID or ASD due to their premature aging and co-morbidities associated with the diagnosis

\* Integrate people with DI-ASD aged 60 and over at level 5

\* Integrate 50-year-old people with DI-ASD at level 6

\* Integrate 40-year-old people with DI-ASD at level 7

Sincerely,

Your name

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