



**Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study**  
**What we know about Vaccinations and Testing**  
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**What is this study about?**



This study is about coronavirus (also called COVID-19) and people with learning disabilities.



We talked to 489 adults with learning disabilities. We talked to people living in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



280 family carers or paid supporters of people with severe or profound multiple learning disabilities also gave us information.



This report is about what we have found in July and August 2021.

## Vaccinations



96% of people with learning disabilities had had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination



89% of people with learning disabilities would have a booster vaccination



71% of people with learning disabilities thought that staff should be vaccinated

## Testing



38% of people with learning disabilities had been tested for COVID-19



These COVID-19 tests were done by staff or family for most people with learning disabilities



Some people with learning disabilities found it hard to do the test for COVID-19



Some people with learning disabilities did not understand how to do the test for COVID-19



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