

The Autism Society of America was the first national Autism organization to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Our communal efforts continue to be felt far and wide as we learn how to foster togetherness and support during the COVID-19 crisis.



The Autism Society of America developed a **COVID-19 relief toolkit**, accessed over 135,000 times reviewing policy, healthcare, education resources, and more.



With the help of professionals and self-advocates, we created social stories that **address COVID-19 issues like mask-wearing**, which were **downloaded over 15,000 times**.



Our **Coronavirus Information Series featuring Autistic self-advocates and industry experts** has been viewed over 191,000 times.



The Autism Society's network of **71 affiliates** persevered through adversity and responded with virtual support groups, game nights, mental health coffee chats, and many more innovative solutions.



Thanks to a generous donation from the **Make Waves Family Foundation**, the Autism Society network distributed 53,000 masks to Direct Support Professionals and Autistic residents during the onset of the pandemic.



In early December 2020, the Autism Society led a collaborative effort, with other national disability organizations **calling for people with Autism and other developmental disabilities to be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination**.



Since 2020, the Autism Society has worked **alongside the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** and other partners to educate the Autism community about the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine.



In 2022, the Autism Society of America **launched an official Vaccine Education Initiative** to promote vaccine awareness and confidence in the Autism community.



Contact the Autism Society National Helpline to speak to an Information & Referral Specialist directly at **800-3-AUTISM (800-328-8476)**, or email info@autism-society.org.



Visit AutismSociety.org/resources/covid-19 to access the COVID-19 information and support.

Ways to Give

- Make a donation
- Planned giving, make the Autism Society a beneficiary in your will at Freewill.com/AutismSociety
- Host a peer-to-peer fundraiser
- Donate your insurance policy, a vehicle, or stock
- Contribute through your workplace giving option

For more information on ways to give, visit our website at AutismSociety.org/donate.

Your Impact

- **\$25** provides one hour of support from the National Helpline
- **\$50** supports social story development for COVID-19 resources
- **\$100** goes towards federal advocacy efforts for human rights
- **\$250** supports program development across our network