Consistently excluded: A disability inclusion analysis of Canada’s COVID-19 policies

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Our recent research report found that COVID-19 exposed pre-existing systemic exclusion of people with disabilities from policy planning and decision-making. Inequities faced by people with disabilities have intensified during the pandemic in many areas including income, housing, food security and violence. The impacts of COVID-19 and related policies can be best understood through an intersectional disability inclusive framework that considers the experiences of diverse groups of disabled people, including those who are racialized, Indigenous, low-income, women, and people living in congregate settings. These groups face cumulative and cascading barriers that shape their experiences during COVID-19. Policy responses must include disability leaders and organizations that represent the diversity of people with disabilities in Canada and address the exposed gaps.

The research report & fact sheets are available at: https://liveworkwell.ca/disability-inclusion-analysis-covid-19

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