

The Designated Protection and Advocacy System for Rhode Island

A Message From Disability Rights Rhode Island Regarding COVID-19:

As the coronavirus, or COVID-19, epidemic impacts all people in Rhode Island and the country, Disability Rights Rhode Island (DRRI) remains dedicated to our mission to protect and advocate for the rights, safety and well-being of people with disabilities. We are doing what is necessarty to continue our work serving people with disabilities in Rhode Island, while at the same time protecting the health and safety of our staff and clients.

DRRI's intake operations will continue via phone during the coronavirus outbreak, especially as changes to public services, voting, and schools develop. DRRI will still operate its voter hotline on Election Days from 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the same number as the intake line. Information is listed below.

We know that things are not business-as-usual. In light of current guidance, DRRI is postponing routine trainings and routine or non-emergency monitoring visits and investigations at state facilities until further notice. In addition, DRRI is limiting in-person meetings and discontinuing walk-in intakes. Individuals can continue to contact us by phone.

The safety of our team and the clients we serve comes first. DRRI's policies will ensure that our clients receive only the highest standards of care with respect to service and safety. On a daily basis, DRRI will rely on updated guidance from the CDC, the RI Department of Health, and Governor Raimondo to make informed choices about how to continue the important work we do.

As always, take care.

Sincerely, Disability Rights Rhode Island

Intake line and hours:

(401) 831-3150 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Our mission is to assist Rhode Islanders with differing abilities in their efforts to achieve full inclusion in society and to exercise their civil and human rights through the provision of legal advocacy.

Keep up with disability-related issues on our website, www.drri.org, and Facebook page, Disability Rights Rhode Island.