COVID-19 survey & report on disability issues

In late 2020, the federal government's COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group released its report applying "a disability lens to the government's response to the pandemic". Chief among their 21 recommendations are:

- To provide monthly financial support to disabled people in need;
- To identify personal support workers as "essential services";
- To ensure universal access to personal protective equipment (PPE);
- To surveil for family violence during the pandemic;
- To ensure that disabilities to do not constitute exemptions from emergency or intensive care;
- To ensure data collected reflects the experiences of disabled people.

To see the full report, <u>link here</u>. You will also find the interim report of a survey of 713 members of partner organizations with a variety of disabilities and different age groups by our colleagues at CDPP and Abilities Centre.