

## Potential Impact of COVID-19 on Different Student Populations – Students with Disabilities

The Wellness Center's Health Promotion team compiled information on different student populations and how they may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have included some background information, as well as some national and Loyola specific resources for students to access in this time of uncertainty. See below for information on students with disabilities, the rest of the specific population factsheets can be found in separate pdfs on the [website](#).

### **Students with Disabilities**

According to the CDC, ¼ people living in the United States have some type of disability. Additionally, those with disabilities are more likely to experience other health conditions and are less likely to have adequate access to healthcare – and this is prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many people with disabilities depend on social services and personal aids to help them conduct their day-to-day lives.

Although necessary, social distancing can create barriers to standard care – including one's ability to physically wash their hands or the use of touch to gain information about surrounding environment. The move to remote learning may also create new barriers for finishing coursework and accessing up to date and accurate news.

### **Resources:**

- [Chicago based resources on transportation, food, personal assistants, health information and more](#)
- [Learning about COVID-19 and national resources](#)
- [ASL informational videos about COVID-19](#)
- [Loyola Resources](#)