

# Counseling and Psychological Services

## COVID-19- Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities encompasses a diverse range of experiences, including folks with learning or cognitive, psychological, physical disabilities, or even temporary injuries. With each experience, there are different unique challenges to consider. Here are a few we would like to highlight and offer tips and resources for.

### Unique Challenges to Consider

- Concerns with accessibility to new online course material, such as note taking, proctoring services, interpreters/captioning resources, and access to assistive technology
- COVID-19 messaging may not be provided in accessible content.
- For those with physical disabilities, there may be barriers to implementing basic hygiene concerns, such as needing to touch things in order to understand them, inability to rub hands together, or relying on reading lips, which can be hindered by wearing face masks
- Rations to care disproportionately impact those with disabilities
- Serious disruption to services you rely on

### Tips to Try

- Contact DSS directly if you have issues with accessibility or accommodations with your courses.
- Put a plan in place to ensure continuation of the care and support you need, including working with those who provide you care or coordinating with the agency you work with.
- Utilize accessible platforms for meetings, such as [Google Meet](#), which has live closed captioning.
- Establish a plan for your care in the chance that you, or your caregiver, contract COVID-19 - Considerations and tips provided [here](#).
- Connect with organizations who provide COVID-19 information and utilize accessibility tools for their websites, such as [Source](#) .

### COVID-19 Resources & Support

- [GW Disability Support Services](#)
- [Videos using ASL](#) giving information for COVID-19

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