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Sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of your group.    If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with our Community Education Officer via [education@vdwc.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@vdwc.vic.gov.au). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Complaints webinar – Thursday 24th March**    We’re excited to bring you a webinar on Thursday 24th March at 10am - 11am,*Making a Complaint: Who, What, When and How*?  The webinar will provide information about how to make a complaint, who you might speak with and what could be involved. You can learn more about the team and participate in our Q&A session.  The webinar is suitable for people with disability, families and carers, as well as disability advocates and anyone that might be interested in learning more about the complaints process.  Please register your interest via our complaints [webinar page](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/making-complaint-who-what-when-and-how). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Surveillance testing the workforce and wearing face masks**    The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, and the Department of Health recommend disability residential services do surveillance testing on their workforces at least twice a week. The departments also recommend that all disability support workers and volunteers wear N95 respirators indoors when they work with clients.  [Guidance for disability support workers on surveillance testing](https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-workforce-surveillance-testing-guidance-disability-support-workers-word) and wearing personal protective equipment is now available on the [Disability sector website](https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-services-sector-covid-19). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Free infection control webinars for the disability sector**  The Department of Health are offering free one-hour webinars on infection prevention and control for disability workers in residential and community-based programs.  The webinars will take place every Wednesday or Thursday at 11am until June. Registrations are not required, and you can simply join the webinar using Microsoft Teams via the links:   * Disability residential services - Wednesdays 11am: [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGY0YzFmNTMtZjRjYy00NWViLWJjZTctODg3NzJjYjY3ZmNj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c0e0601f-0fac-449c-9c88-a104c4eb9f28%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c6f4a7ea-ab09-425d-8562-2dd4d49837dd%22%7d) * Disability community-based services – Thursdays 11am: [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmUwM2UwNzYtNjhkNS00NDE4LThiNDAtY2VjZGVkMWMwYWQz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c0e0601f-0fac-449c-9c88-a104c4eb9f28%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c6f4a7ea-ab09-425d-8562-2dd4d49837dd%22%7d)   For more information, please contact [**covid19education&training@health.vic.gov.au**](mailto:covid19education&training@health.vic.gov.au%20) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New deteriorating health resource from the Disability Services Commission**  The Disability Services Commission have released a series of posters for disability workers in managing deteriorating health.  These resources focus on:   * raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of deteriorating health and * providing information about what action a disability worker should take once any signs or symptoms have been identified.   We encourage you to promote these resources to your staff and share with your networks.  For more information visit the [Disability Services Commission web page about deteriorating health](https://www.odsc.vic.gov.au/2022/02/21/deteriotinghealthposter/). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Keep in touch  If our e-newsletter was forwarded to you and you'd like to subscribe please go to:**<https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/subscribe> **If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch via our website**[Contact us](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__vic.us18.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D232a0a9d44abb1b0358bac209-26id-3Deb38eb5f04-26e-3D0e3bba9bd6&d=DwMFaQ&c=JnBkUqWXzx2bz-3a05d47Q&r=B_svBnE2hBdEtZ3t1evVbwFhUs00Y5qxZHYlrtXSBuE&m=9HhmnP_irr6CJoJIucFP9OyT-kuTsD3ON8s6yz7N2WQ&s=5-Xjo3rXBku-t8omFDu4YDEnqdDuZj_Gef9lw7I41j4&e=)**page, send an email to**[info@vdwc.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vdwc.vic.gov.au)**or call us on 1800 497 132.  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