

Adults with disability less likely to have received COVID-19 vaccine

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(HealthDay)—Adults with a disability are less likely to report having

received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, although they are more likely to report higher endorsement of the vaccine as protection, according to research published in the Oct. 1 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

A. Blythe Ryerson, Ph.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues analyzed data from the National Immunization Survey Adult COVID Module to describe COVID-19 vaccination status and intent and perceived vaccine access among [adults](#) by disability status.

The researchers found that compared with those without a disability, adults with a disability were less likely to report having received one or more doses of COVID-19 [vaccine](#) (age-adjusted prevalence ratio, 0.88); however, they were more likely to report that they would definitely get vaccinated (age-adjusted prevalence ratio, 1.86). Among unvaccinated adults, compared with those without a disability, those with a disability were more likely to report higher endorsement of vaccination as protection, but they were also more likely to report it would be or was difficult to get vaccinated (age-adjusted prevalence ratios, 1.29 and 2.69, respectively)

"Public health efforts that make COVID-19 vaccination information, scheduling, and sites more easily accessible for persons with [disabilities](#) might help to address health inequities and increase vaccination demand and coverage," the authors write.

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