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*AAHD - Dedicated to better health for people with disabilities through health promotion and wellness*



# LAKESHORE

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## **Statement of General Support for the Proposed Health Statistics Act**

The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation support the Congressional consideration of the Health Statistics Act.

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) ([www.aahd.us](http://www.aahd.us)) is a national non-profit organization of public health professionals, both practitioners and academics, with a primary concern for persons with disabilities. The AAHD mission is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for persons with disabilities. AAHD is specifically dedicated to integrating public health and disability into the overall public health agenda.

The Lakeshore Foundation ([www.lakeshore.org](http://www.lakeshore.org)) mission is to enable people with physical disability and chronic health conditions to lead healthy, active, and independent lifestyles through physical activity, sport, recreation and research. Lakeshore is a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site; the UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative is a world-class research program in physical activity, health promotion and disability linking Lakeshore's programs with the University of Alabama, Birmingham's research expertise.

Our particular interests and concerns, focused on persons with disabilities, consistent with 2020 efforts by the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) and Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition (DRRC) are:

1. Collect, Analyze, and Publicly Report - Appropriate agencies of the federal government in all COVID-19 testing, cases, and deaths, in all settings and by setting, should collect, analyze, and regularly publicly report COVID-19 and co-occurring demographic factors

including **disability status**, race, ethnicity, sex, age, primary language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socio-economic status. Ideally, the data system analysis should be able to cross-walk between these various precise demographic factors; for example, disability status and race. This COVID-19 disability status data template should serve for use in all public health and health funded programs.

Sincerely,



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