

Disability Rights Group Calls Foul On Connecticut Age-Based Vaccine Distribution

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A disability rights group in Connecticut says newly announced changes to the state's COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan are unfair and violate federal law.

Governor Ned Lamont said this week that residents will be eligible for the vaccine based primarily on their age — with no exceptions made for people with underlying health conditions.

Deborah Dorfman is with Disability Rights Connecticut. She said it's well-established that people with health conditions are disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

“There are many people who have underlying conditions who need to get the vaccine as soon as possible. And so making a decision on simplicity or convenience just doesn't cut it,” Dorfman said.

The group filed a complaint with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights. They said the policy goes against CDC policy and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A spokesperson for the Lamont administration said an age-based rollout plan is the best way to quickly and fairly distribute the vaccine.