

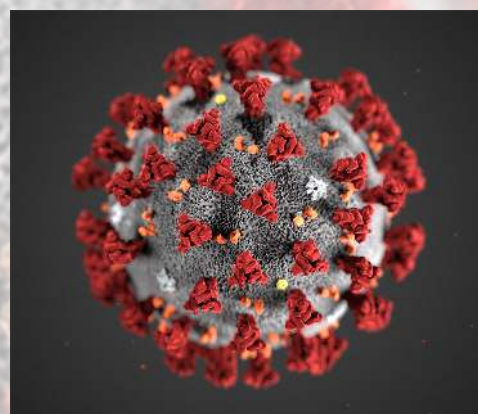
Press Conferences on COVID-19



Around the World

With Interpretation into National Sign Languages

The World Federation of the Deaf would like to share some examples of good practice around the world



Press Conference for COVID-19 in Beijing, China, 15 March 2020





World Federation of the Deaf and World Association of Sign Language Interpreters

Joint Guidelines on Providing Access to Public Health Information

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Key points:

- In all situations it is critical that professional [sign language interpreters or translators](#) with national-level qualifications are hired.
 - Information should be available through all media channels and on all platforms. If the sign language version is only available through some channels (i.e. narrowcast), or only through web-based platforms, there is a risk that deaf people will miss out on crucial updates at critical times.
 - An interpreter should be physically present and visible on camera alongside whomever is speaking in making new announcements. This will ensure deaf people can access information through a variety of media outlets as other members of the public do.
2. The interpreter should be displayed in the full screen image at all times, with no text or graphics covering the interpreter.
 3. Broadcasts may be multiplatform but should always be broadcast on the main public TV channels to ensure easy access for a wide audience.

Live (Special) News broadcasts with interpreter in studio:

1. Positioning and size of the interpreter:
 - a. Preferred: on screen placement of the interpreter (using chromakey / green screen), size of interpreter inset should at least be half of the screen.
 - b. Alternative: interpreter is placed in a box filling 25% of the screen, separate from the actual image of the screen.
2. Broadcasts should be multiplatform but should always at least be provided on the main public TV channels to ensure easy access for a wide audience.

National press conference or emergency information broadcast with interpreter present:

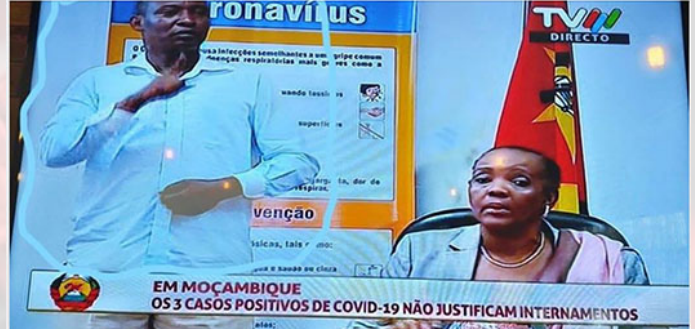
1. The sign language interpreter should be physically present (to the extent possible) and stand next to the speaker facing the audience and in shot. This ensures multiplatform and multi-channel access to the interpreter.

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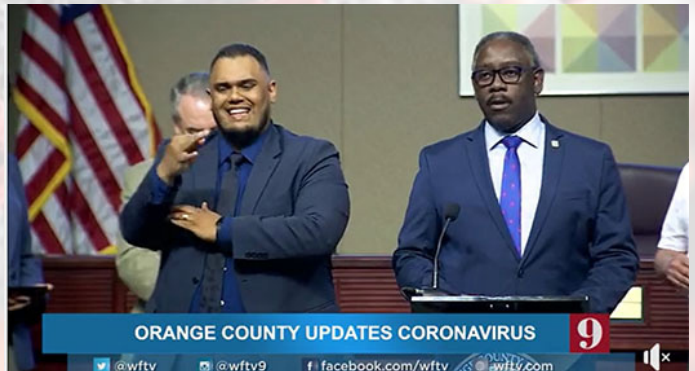
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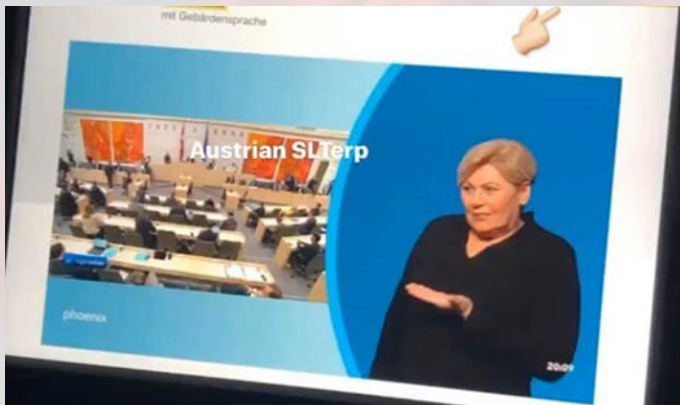
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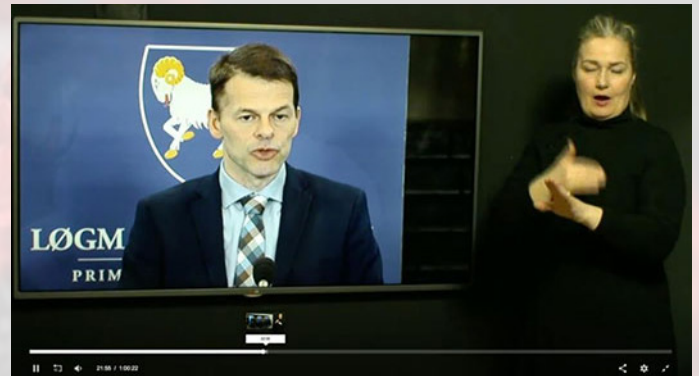
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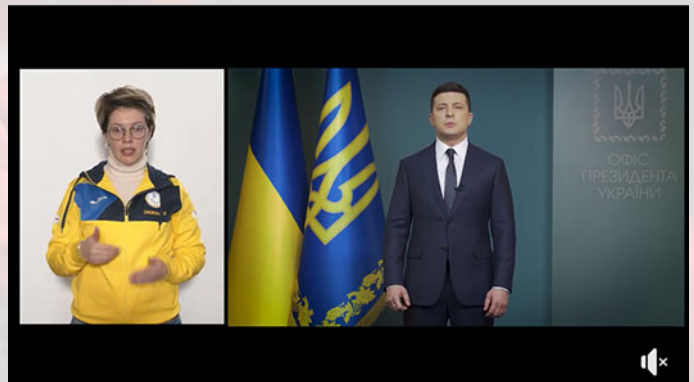
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The Guidelines are drawn from the
[WFD/WASLI Guidelines on Providing Access to Public Health Information During the Coronavirus Pandemic.](#)

For more information please go to <http://wfdeaf.org/coronavirus/>