

I have a son Jesse who has been in an ICF setting for 27 years. I have always and forever will be his voice, eyes and ears! Jesse has CP and has had lots of difficulty with muscle tone which in turn caused him to have a complete laryngectomy (his voice box taken out) From that point on I have always no matter what had to be by his side to advocate his voice and be his head supporter and cheerleader to keep him going. Then came along COVID and all that was taken away from him and he is falling into total sadness, depression and just plain feeling afraid without me next to him. We need to stand up for our loved ones and make this happen for their mental and physical wellness. I feel a deep sense of sadness that I even need to write this so people can understand the difference between a Petri Dish and normal human compassion!

COVID 19 can't take away our human connection with our loved ones and their dignity!!

Sincerely

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