COVID-19 and older persons

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Older persons have moved to the centre of attention during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

We have created this overview of resources relating to the situation and needs of older persons during the current COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate access to relevant information.

The resources included have been developed by international organisations, research networks and civil society organisations working with and for older persons in the UNECE region. The list is not comprehensive, and we will keep updating this page. Do not hesitate to contact us at unece.ageing@un.org to share relevant resources for inclusion.

The following are links to external websites. Responsibility for their content lies with the authors.

COVID-19 and the human rights of older persons

Statements by the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons:

- “Unacceptable” – UN expert urges better protection of older persons facing the highest risk of the COVID-19 pandemic (OHCHR, 27 March 2020)
- No exceptions with COVID-19: “Everyone has the right to life-saving interventions – UN expert says (OHCHR 26 March 2020)

COVID-19 and the human rights of older persons (AGE Platform 1 April 2020)

A guide to preventing and addressing social stigma associated with COVID-19 (IFRC, UNICEF, WHO)

Resources on ageism, older persons and COVID-19 (EuroAgeism)

COVID-19 and continued access to services

Age, Gender and Diversity considerations - COVID-19 (UNHCR, 21 March 2020)

ITU Guidelines on how to ensure that digital information, services and products are accessible by all people, including Persons with Disabilities during COVID-19

COVID-19 and long-term care for older persons
International Long-Term Care Policy Network – Long-term care responses to Covid-19
https://ltccovid.org/

Eurocarers COVID-19 – Practical support to informal carers
https://eurocarers.org/covid-19/

World Health Organization
Infection Prevention and Control guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities in the context of COVID-19

COVID-19 and healthy ageing

Mental health and psychosocial considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak (WHO)
Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected (WHO)
Stay physically active during self-quarantine (WHO EURO)

COVID-19 and social protection

Social protection response to the COVID-19 crisis (ILO Resource page)

COVID-19 and the workplace

Family-friendly policies and other good workplace practices in the context of COVID-19: key steps employers can take (ILO, UNICEF, UNWOMEN 27 March 2020)

COVID-19 and intergenerational and community solidarity

AGE Platform Europe page on Coronavirus Covid-19 presenting good practices and initiatives
Guidance and advice for communities and older people’s associations (HelpAge International)

COVID-19 and Older Persons: responding to the pandemic

Implications of COVID-19 for Older Persons: Responding to the Pandemic (UNFPA 24 April 2020)
Older Persons and Covid-19: A defining moment for informed, inclusive and targeted response (UNDESA Issue Brief, 6 April 2020)

Resource libraries

AGE Platform Europe page on Coronavirus Covid-19

Help Age International information hub on COVID-19 and older people
https://www.helpage.org/what-we-do/coronavirus-covid19/

COVID-19 and pension payments
International Federation on Ageing - Resource Library on Covid-19


International Institute on Ageing - INIA

Call for good practices in protecting older persons during the COVID-19 pandemic

Population Europe - Demography & COVID-19 page