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 organizations, research networks and civil society organizations 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 Europe, 1 April 2020)

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

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)
- Stay physically active during self-quarantine (WHO EURO)

COVID-19 and the workplace
COVID-19 and the world of work: Global impact and policy responses (ILO page on Covid-19)

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

Resource libraries
AGE Platform Europe page on Coronavirus Covid-19

HelpAge 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