

COVID-19 in people with intellectual disabilities

Registration

In the Netherlands, many people have expressed concerns about the coronavirus and its impact on people with intellectual disabilities. To gain more insight into this situation, Radboud university medical center was commissioned by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport to develop an online registration system.

This factsheet presents the first preliminary findings of this registration system. Registration began on March 24. Since then, 60 healthcare organizations have joined the system. However, processing the suspected cases of COVID-19 in the database takes time and was not entirely completed when this factsheet was published.

Figures



REGISTRATION

- Currently, 799 patients with intellectual disabilities with suspected COVID 19 infections have been registered, of which 53% are men.
- 48 registered patients have died, and a COVID-19 infection has been confirmed in 29 of those cases by means of testing.



TESTING

- 517 of the registered patients have been tested. A positive result was reported in 281 of these tested patients (54.4%).
- The age distribution of this group shows that 65.5% of the COVID-19 infections occur in people aged 40 to 69 years.



SYMPTOMS

- The most common symptoms related to COVID-19 are:
 - coughing (70.3%),
 - fever (68.1%),
 - fatigue (50.1%)
 - shortness of breath (41.7%)