

COVID-19 in people with intellectual disabilities

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, on 24 March the Academic Collaborative 'Sterker op eigen benen' of Radboud university medical center made an on-line registration system available. The registration system was commissioned by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport. The preliminary findings of the registration system are presented in this fact sheet.

The most common complaints with a COVID-19 infection are: fever (73%), cough (70%), fatigue (63%) and shortness of breath (46%).

Figures



REGISTRATION

- 66 organizations have joined the registration system (in total 81 locations);
- 1.440 patients with intellectual disabilities with suspected COVID-19 infection have been registered (of which 55% are men and 45% women);
- 96 registered patients have died, and a COVID-19 infection has been confirmed in 52 of those cases by means of testing;
- The mortality rate in people with a proven COVID-19 infection is 13%.



TESTING

- 1.000 of the registered patients have been tested;
- Of this group, 42% tested positive;
- 90% of patients with proven COVID-19 infections live in a group home and 10% in their own home;
- 61% of proven COVID-19 infections occur in the 40 to 69 age group and 16% in the 70+ age group.



HIGHLIGHTS

- The most registered comorbidity with COVID-19 are overweight (52%), epilepsy (12%), chronic heart condition (10%), hypertension (8%) and diabetes (7%). Chronic lung disease only is registered with 2,5% of the patients.