



Nursing Home Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Message from the Guest Editors

Currently, COVID-19 is the biggest challenge for health systems worldwide. Older people are particularly vulnerable to this disease as they face a high risk of severe forms of the disease and a high mortality when infected with SARS-CoV-2. Within the group of the elderly, care-dependent people living in nursing homes have been particularly effected; in 2020, in western countries half of all deceased persons with COVID-19 have been living in long-term care facilities. To make matters worse, nursing staff in nursing homes also have a much higher risk of infection. Measures of social distancing, which until the availability of vaccination have been the primary coping strategy, are not easily applicable for care-dependent people. This Special Issue of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH) focuses on the situation of nursing homes during the pandemic. Research papers, reviews, and case reports are welcome.





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