



COVID-19 GLOBAL SURVEY:

Exploring the Impact Of COVID-19 On Individuals with IDD & Their Caregivers

Objective: The objective of the anonymous online survey is to gather information in terms of demographics, living arrangements, access to services, the impact of social distancing from family members and paid staff to explore the impact of COVID-19 on people with developmental disabilities

Focus: The survey will include seven sections for participant completion:

- o characteristics of respondents (e.g. gender, age, status of family member or staff);
- o characteristics of person(s) supported (e.g. level of intellectual disability, presence of additional disability, living arrangements);
- o local practices during the pandemic in family home or workplace (e.g. restrictions to typical activity, introduction of new practices, equipment);
- o access to information and training;
- o experience of symptoms, testing, treatment;
- o impact of social distancing; and,
- o two standardized scales for caregivers measuring mood and the impact of pandemic.

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16 Countries Participating: Australia, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, France, Greece, India, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, United States, & Zambia.

Why have you been invited to take part? Because you are a caregiver, either family member or paid staff, to one or more people who have an intellectual and developmental disability. You must be 18 years or over to take part in this survey.

Anonymous Survey Link: The survey will take approximately 25 minutes to complete.

- o [Click here to visit website](#) or
- o [Click here to take the Survey in English if you live in the USA](#)

Conclusion: Researchers are interested in determining possible disparities based on living arrangement, and by Country, and whether lessons can be learned to inform policy and practice to better support Individuals with IDD/ Caregivers during future pandemics.