Non-intended health, economic and social effects of the COVID-19 epidemic control decisions: Lessons from SHARE (SHARE-COVID19)

Fact Sheet

Project Information

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Project description

Research for optimising future epidemic measures of control

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has transformed our lives and brought many undesirable consequences. For instance, rules and policies introduced to help control the spread of the virus have resulted in deep economic recession. What’s more, social contacts and interactions have been interrupted and people are
generally hesitant about visiting healthcare centres. In that regard, the EU-funded SHARE-COVID19 project has adopted a transdisciplinary and internationally comparative approach to exploit data sources of the SHARE research infrastructure. The goal is to formulate recommendations that will make European societies more resilient, effectively protect the most vulnerable population of 50+ and optimise future epidemic control measures.

Objective

The non-intended consequences of the epidemic control decisions to contain the COVID-19 pandemic are huge and affect the well-being of European citizens in terms of economics, social relationships and health: Europe is experiencing the largest recession since WWII; social contacts have been interrupted; people avoid seeking medical treatment in fear of infection.

The overarching objective of this project is to understand these non-intended consequences and to devise improved health, economic and social policies. In our policy recommendations, we strive to make healthcare systems and societies in the EU more resilient to pandemics in terms of prevention, protection and treatment of the population 50+, a most vulnerable part of the population.

The project aims to identify healthcare inequalities before, during and after the pandemic; to understand the lockdown effects on health and health behaviours; to analyse labour market implications of the lockdown; to assess the impacts of pandemic and lockdown on income and wealth inequality; to mitigate the effects of epidemic control decisions on social relationships; to optimise future epidemic control measures by taking the geographical patterns of the disease and their relationship with social patterns into account; and to better manage housing and living arrangements choices between independence, co-residence or institutionalisation.

The project pursues a transdisciplinary and internationally comparative approach by exploiting the data sources of the SHARE research infrastructure. It covers all EU MS. The project’s team represents medicine, public health, economics and sociology and has worked together since the creation of SHARE. It is experienced in translating data analysis into concrete policy advice. The project’s policy recommendation are targeted at policy makers in the Commission and in national ministries as well as at national and international NGOs and social organisations.

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