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Dear NVG&G-members,

In this newsletter, and to the best of our knowledge, we aim to provide an update of the latest sex- and gender-related knowledge, literature, and news on Covid-19 and sex/gender. We still need your help! Please send us resources, links to media outlets, literature, etc, so that we can disseminate quickly (info@genderengezondheid.nl). Our focus is not on the biological and medical aspects of the outbreak alone, but rather we aim for a broad overview and understanding of coronavirus COVID-19 and how it is related to sex and gender (see Figure 1).

We will collect the information and disseminate it to the gender and health community and our members. Thank you so much in advance! Stay safe, and warm regards,

on behalf of the board NVG&G,
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| Updates from the Gender and COVID-19 Working Group can be found via the link . | |
| Working Group COVID-19 and Gender Joining the group email Rosemary Morgan Rosemary.Morgan@jhu.edu | https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_QfLS6Z90w_1rPM-jdeKC_IQXTcwA8Z4kF8Z5CerZrk/edit |
| | The gender and COVID-19 Working Group is working on a call for integrating gender in clinical trials |

| General information International | | | |
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| <i>Source</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Link</i> | <i>Content</i> |
| WHO | Emergency. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic | https://www.who.int/ | News, information, links, situation reports, latest numbers, online training |
| WHO | Rolling updates on coronavirus-disease (COVID-19) | https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-health-alert-brings-covid-19-facts-to-billions-via-whatsapp | Offers the possibility for updates through WhatsApp |
| Centers for Disease Control CDC | Coronavirus (COVID 19) | https://www.coronavirus.gov/ | |
| National Institutes of Health NIH | COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation | https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus | Research updates |
| Nacoti et al. (2020) | At the Epicenter of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Humanitarian Crises in Italy: Changing Perspectives on Preparation and Mitigation. NEJM, March 21 2020. | https://catalyst.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/CAT.20.0080 | “Western health care systems have been built around the concept of patient-centered care, but an epidemic requires a change of perspective toward a concept of community-centered care.” “Coronavirus is the Ebola of the rich and requires a coordinated transnational effort. It is not particularly lethal, but it is very contagious. The more medicalized and centralized the society, the more widespread the virus.” |
| Ars Technica | Don't panic: The comprehensive Ars Technica guide to the corona virus | https://arstechnica.com/science/2020/03/dont-panic-the-comprehensive-ars-technica-guide-to-the-coronavirus/ | Updated daily at 3 PM EDT. |
| New South Wales Government Australia | Latest updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) | https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-latest.aspx | Age and sex breakdown of confirmed cases, plus other information |
| Added Newsletter 2 | | | |

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| Adams, J.G., Walls, R.M. (2020) | Supporting the Health Care Workforce During the COVID-19 Global Epidemic. JAMA, March 12, 2020. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.3972 | https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763136 | Focus on recommended barrier precautions (such as masks, gloves, gowns, and eye wear) and other measures, mainly on hospital – no gender perspective. |
| Ioannidis, J. (2020) | Coronavirus disease 2019: the harms of exaggerated information and non-evidence-based measures. European Journal of Clinical Investigation, Editorial https://doi.org/10.1111/eci.13222 | https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/eci.13222 | Abstract: The evolving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is certainly cause for concern. Proper communication and optimal decision-making is an ongoing challenge, as data evolve. The challenge is compounded, however, by exaggerated information. This can lead to inappropriate actions. It is important to differentiate promptly the true epidemic from an epidemic of false claims and potentially harmful actions. |

| General information The Netherlands | | | |
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| De Correspondent | “Corona in Context. Een gids die je helpt de pandemie te begrijpen” | https://decorrespondent.nl/11037/corona-in-context-een-gids-die-je-helpt-de-pandemie-te-begrijpen/4017550909944-d9fdf3ca | Overview of news and resources, you can send your recommendations for literature and The Correspondent will disseminate it further |
| Federatie Medisch Specialisten FMS | Informatie COVID-19 | https://www.demedischspecialist.nl/ | Dagelijkse update, nieuws, webinars |
| KNMG | Homepage Medisch Contact | https://www.knmg.nl/home/medisch-contact-2.htm | Nieuws |
| KNMG | | https://www.knmg.nl/actualiteit-opinie/nieuws/nieuwsbericht-corona/coronavirus-1.htm | Verwijspagina en informatiebronnen voor dokters en patiënten |
| Landelijke Huisartsen Vereniging LHV | Coronavirus (22/3): alle informatie op een rij | https://www.lhv.nl/actueel/nieuws/coronavirus-223-alle-informatie-voor-huisartsen-op-een-rij | Actuele informatie voor huisartsen |

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| Nederlandse Federatie van Universitair Medische Centra NFU | Alle informatie rondom coronavirus: COVID-19 | https://www.nfu.nl/actueel/covid-19 | Laatste ontwikkelingen rondom coronavirus |
| Nederlands Huisartsen Genootschap NHG | Dossier coronavirus | https://www.nhg.org/coronavirus | Adviezen voor de praktijk, afgestemd met Rivm |
| Renata Verloop | Communicatietips Corona | https://www.renataverloop.nl/communicatietips-corona | Rijksoverheid, Thuisarts.nl, Rivm, Pharos, Kinderombudsvrouw, NJI, Stichting Lezen en schrijven etc. |
| Rijksoverheid | Coronavirus COVID-19 | https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19 | |
| Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu RIVM | COVID-19 Richtlijnen en draaiboeken | https://ici.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19 | For GGD-en and hospitals |
| RIVM | Actuele informatie over het nieuwe coronavirus (COVID-19) | https://www.rivm.nl/nieuws/actuele-informatie-over-coronavirus | General information, updates, also in English |
| RIVM | Informatie over coronavirus (COVID-19) voor zorgprofessionals | https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus/covid-19/informatie-voor-professionals | In Dutch. Voor zorgmedewerkers binnen en buiten de ziekenhuizen en zorgverleners in de uitvaartbranche |
| ZonMw, 31 January 2020 | NWO en ZonMw: open access in strijd tegen coronavirus | https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/nwo-en-zonmw-open-access-in-strijd-tegen-coronavirus/ | Oproep van ZonMw en NWO aan uitgevers en onderzoekers om publicaties Open Access te maken |
| ZonMw, 18 March 2020 | Gevolgen COVID-19 uitbraak voor subsidierondes ZonMw | https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/gevolgen-covid-19-uitbraak-voor-subsidierondes-zonmw/ | Nieuwe subsidierondes niet open tot 13 april. Indieningstermijn van openstaande subsidieoproepen met deadline tussen 17-3 t/m 30-4 wordt met 2 maanden verlengd. Indieningstermijn voor voortgangs- en eindverslagen met 3 maanden verlengd. Waar nodig budget neutrale verlenging. |
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Sex/gender and COVID-19 – Science and reports

Note: some papers refer to Ebola – lessons learned may be useful for the COVID-19 outbreak

| Author | Title/journal | Link | Key points |
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| Nkangu, M.N., Olatunde, O.A. Sanni Y. (2017) Lessons from EBOLA | The perspective of gender on the Ebola virus using a risk management and population health framework: a scoping review. <i>Infectious Diseases of Poverty</i> , 6: 135 | https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5635524/pdf/40249_2017_Article_346.pdf | <i>As regards Ebola:</i> Women’s increased exposure can be attributed to time spent at home and their responsibility for caring for the sick, while men’s increased vulnerability to the virus can be attributed to their responsibility for caring for livestock and to time spent away from home, as most known sources of the index cases have been infected in the process of hunting. (...) There is currently no evidence related to biological differences in female or male to increase Ebola virus transmission and vulnerability; rather, there are differences in the level of exposure between men and women. Gender is therefore an important risk factor to consider in the design of health programs. |
| Smith, J. (2019). Lessons from EBOLA X | Overcoming the ‘tyranny of the urgent’: integrating gender into disease outbreak preparedness and response. <i>Gender & Development</i> , 23(2), 355-369. | https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13552074.2019.1615288 | “The implications of neglecting gender dynamics, as well as the potential of equity-based approaches to disease outbreak responses, is illustrated through a case study of the Social Enterprise Network for Development (SEND) Sierra Leone, a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Kailahun, during the Ebola outbreak. |
| World Economic Forum, 12 March 2020 X | The coronavirus fallout may be worse for women than men. Here’s why. | https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/the-coronavirus-fallout-may-be-worse-for-women-than-men-heres-why/ | Women comprise the majority of health and social care workers. Mass school closures particularly affected women because of responsibility for childcare. Women already do three-times as much unpaid care work than men – and caring for relatives with the virus. Research from China suggests that while COVID-19 is infecting men and women equally, women are less likely to die than men. A study from the Chinese Center for Disease Control showed the death rate among men was 2.8%, compared with 1.7% for women. |
| Li, Y. et al. (2020), Feb 2020 X | Sex differences in clinical findings among patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and severe condition. <i>MEDRXIV</i> . | https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.02.27.20027524v1.full.pdf | Preprint, not yet peer reviewed. Do NOT use to guide clinical practice. |
| Cai, H. (2020) X | Sex difference and smoking disposition in patients with COVID-19. <i>The Lancet Respiratory Medicine</i> , | https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30117-X | Taken together, these data seem to indicate that there might be a sex predisposition to COVID-19, with men more prone to being affected |

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| | March 11, 2020 | | |
| Wenham, C., Smith, J., Morgan, R. on behalf of the Gender and COVID-19 Working Group (2020) X | COVID-19: the gendered impacts of the outbreak. <i>The Lancet</i> , March 6, 2020 | https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30526-2/fulltext?te=1&nl=in-her%20words&emc=edit_gn_20200312 | Quick overview of issues pertaining to sex/gender in COVID-19 response. “We call on governments and global health institutions to consider the sex and gender effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, both direct and indirect, and conduct an analysis of the gendered impacts of the multiple outbreaks, incorporating the voices of women on the front line of the response to COVID-19 and of those most affected by the disease within preparedness and response policies or practices going forward.” |
| UN, 19 March 2020 X | Paying attention to women’s needs and leadership will strengthen COVID-19 response | https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/3/news-womens-needs-and-leadership-in-covid-19-response | Worldwide, 70% of health care workers are female, women are more often informal carers, lack of health insurance, insecure incomes, access to pre-/postnatal health care at risk, access to menstrual hygiene for health care workers, increase in violence, food insecurity, |
| UN, 19 March 2020 <i>Gender in Humanitarian Action</i> X | The COVID-19 outbreak and gender | https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/news%20and%20events/stories/2020/giha%20wg%20advocacy%20brief%20gender%20impact%20covid19.pdf?la=en&vs=5651 | Exacerbated burden of care on women, unaddressed needs of women health care workers, increase in gender-based violence, impact on women’s economic independence, impact on women migrant workers, interrupted access to sexual and reproductive health care, exclusion from leadership roles, need for targeted/intersectional approaches (disability, age) |
| CDC, 17 March 2020 X | Information about Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Pregnancy and breastfeeding | https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html | There is no knowledge on the risk of COVID-19 for pregnant mothers, pregnancy outcomes, whether it can be passed on during delivery, whether it transmits via breast milk. |
| Women in Global Health | OPERATION 50/50: Women’s Perspectives Save Lives | https://www.womeningh.org/operation-50-50 | In partnership with Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security , Women in Global Health is compiling a list of expert women who are working to strengthen global, regional, national, and local capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks. |
| Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters | COVID-19: What implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights globally? | https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f-RHvxnsQAKu_ZyEj1X2lw | Webinar Mar 27, 2020 03:00 PM |
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| UN Women, 23 March 2020 | WOMEN’S NEEDS AND GENDER EQUALITY IN LEBANON’S COVID-19 RESPONSE | https://arabstates.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/in-focus-gender-equality-in-covid-19-response | Call for gender in Lebanon’s country response, and guidelines for doing so in short- and long-term action. As an infection, COVID-19 seems to affect women less severely, but gender impacts are disproportionate. Lebanon has one of the highest gender gaps in the world. The report outlines key gender issues such as GBV and disrupted services, higher risks for instance for cleaners working in deserted spaces, lack of access to reproductive services; disproportionate care burden; consequences for |

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| EIGE, 25 March 2020 X | Corona puts women in the frontline | https://eige.europa.eu/news/coronavirus-puts-women-frontline | Sex differences in risk, women's care burden, risk for transmission to women is public transport which they are more often reliant on and which causes also problems when shut down (and when women have to go to work), concern for severe job loss in women dominated sectors such as hospitality, flight attendants, cleaners etc., increase in care work, physical distancing as a problem e.g. for people with a disability and the elderly (more women), domestic abuse, lack of women in decision-making positions, lack of sex-disaggregated data |
| European Institute of Peace, n.d. X | Why we need gender perspectives in our global solutions to COVID-19 | http://www.eip.org/en/news-events/why-we-need-gender-perspectives-our-global-solutions-covid-19 | How will COVID-19, and its gendered effects be further exacerbated in contexts already affected by war and conflict: refugee camps, peace processes, post-conflict societies? EIP developed a list of recommendations for policymakers in peace-building. |
| Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, 20 March 2020 X | PMNCH guidance on COVID-19 and women, children and adolescents' health | https://www.who.int/pmnch/mediainews/2020/guidance-on-COVID-19/en/ | Links to resources on COVID-19 and pregnancy and breastfeeding, children and adolescents, sexual and reproductive health and rights |
| Center for Global Development, 16 March 2020 | How Will COVID-19 Affect Women and Girls in Low- and Middle-Income Countries? | https://www.cgdev.org/blog/how-will-covid-19-affect-women-and-girls-low-and-middle-income-countries | The impact of covid-19 |
| Guan et al. (2020) | Clinical Characteristics of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in China. NEJM, 6 March 2020, DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2002032 | https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2002032 | 1099 patients, The median age of the patients was 47 years; 41.9% of the patients were female. No further sex disaggregated data |
| BMJ Global Health, 18 March 2020 X | Sex, gender and COVID-19: Disaggregated data and health disparities. BMJ 2020;368:m1090, 18 March 2020 doi: https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m1090 | https://blogs.bmj.com/bmjgh/2020/03/24/sex-gender-and-covid-19-disaggregated-data-and-health-disparities/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork | Whether sex and gender matter to clinical pathways and outcomes associated with COVID-19. Analyses of data, and among 20 countries, it was found that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six provide sex-disaggregated data for numbers of confirmed cases and deaths (China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea) • Seven provide sex-disaggregated data 7ors ex number of confirmed cases only (Austria, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland) • No sex-disaggregated data could be located 7ors ex7n countries (Belgium,^[1] Malaysia, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America), although both the Netherlands and Spain informed us that |

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| | | | <p>they were in the process of compiling sex-disaggregated data but they were not available at the time of reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations focus on the immune system and underlying illnesses. |
| Lai, J., Ma, S., Cai, Z., et al. (2020) | Factors Associated With Mental Health Outcomes Among Health Care Workers Exposed to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Global Health JAMA Netw Open. 2020; 3(3):e203976. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.3976 | https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2763229 | The relationship between mental health and exposure to frontline response work. |
| Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters, Journal | | http://www.srhm.org/call-for-papers-covid19/ | CALL FOR PAPERS: COVID-19 An Open Call for Papers SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN THE ERA OF COVID-19 |
| Wenham et al., 27 March 2020 X | Abortion and COVID-19: why we need to support women's right to abortion in health emergencies | https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/abortion-and-covid-19/ | On 23 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care approved emergency measures relating to abortion regulation which would have revolutionised abortion practice in England. |
| Sheroes is a collaborative project bringing together UK and international artists, feminist organisations, charities and the general public. This is a platform for women* artists, allies and organisations to use their creative expression to give a voice to, and turn our eyes towards, silenced and overlooked heroines – | The Women & COVID-19 Library | https://www.whoisyourshero.com/inspiration/women-and-covid19/ | Resources on women/gender and COVID-19 |

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| sheroes – throughout herstory and visual art, and offer inspiring female role models for us all. | | | |
| | | Webinar on African Feminist and Anti-Capitalist Responses to COVID-19 31 March 2020, 3pm GMT Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/599930767 | Join this webinar to learn about African feminist and anti-capitalist responses to COVID-19. |
| FIGO, International Federation of Gynaecologists and Midwives, 12 March 2020 | COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Statement | https://www.figo.org/news/covid-19-coronavirus-statement1 | There is no evidence that pregnant women are more at risk than the general population and there is no evidence that the virus can be transmitted to the baby during pregnancy. |
| Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy | | https://centreforfeministforeignpolicy.org/feminist-resources-on-the-pandemic | The response to the current pandemic is in dire need of feminist perspectives, especially as we are already seeing the gendered impact it is having. We hope you find this page to be a useful resource in staying informed and making sure that during this time, we both protect the most vulnerable and ensure that governments’ responses to this pandemic don’t trigger a roll back on women’s and human rights. |
| Atria, 26 maart 2020 | Waarom het belangrijk is te kijken naar man/vrouw verschillen in tijden van corona | https://atria.nl/nieuws-publicaties/beeldvorming-stereotypering/waarom-het-belangrijk-is-te-kijken-naar-man-vrouw-verschillen-in-tijden-van-corona/ | Een gender lens bij Corona is belangrijk bij tegengaan van genderongelijkheid. |
| Julia Hussein (2020) | COVID-19: What implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights globally?, Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters, DOI: 10.1080/26410397.2020.1746065 | https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/26410397.2020.1746065 | Global SRH is under direct threat because of factory lockdowns and disruptions of the supply chain. |

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| Data2x | Gender data | https://data2x.org/resource-center/gender-and-data-resources-related-to-covid-19/ | Data2X has compiled a running list of resources and current reporting on gender and gender data as they relate to COVID19 preparedness and response around the world, including the current and anticipated impacts of the pandemic. |
| Webinar SRHM Journal (Friday 27 March 2020) | Webinar on the implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the era of Covid-19. | http://www.srhm.org/news/covid-19-what-implications-for-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights/ | Perspectives included are disability perspective, people living with HIV/AIDS, WHO, transgender individuals, medical supplies companies. |
| BMJ blogpost, 30 March 2020 | | https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2020/03/30/covid-19-abortion-4/ | This evening the Department of Health and Social Care issued an approval order enabling women in England to have early medical abortions at home during the Covid-19 crisis. The provisions affect women seeking abortions before 10 weeks, allowing them to take both pills for early medical abortion at home. The approval also allows doctors to prescribe these tablets from their own homes provided they have had a consultation with the pregnant woman. |

| News on sex/gender and corona | | | |
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| Source | Title | Link | Take home |
| The Hill, n.d. | Coronavirus appears to be more fatal in men than in women | https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/prevention-cures/488507-coronavirus-appears-to-be-more-fatal-in-men-than | 70% of coronavirusdeaths in Italy in men In China, 64% of deaths in men In South Korea 54% of deaths in men Links to CDC, reports, Chinese CDC |
| New York Times, 3 March 2020 | What pregnant mothers should know about coronavirus | https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/03/health/coronavirus-pregnant-women-babies.html | |
| Forbes, 6 March 2020 | Do men and women have a corona virus risk gap | https://www.forbes.com/sites/carmenniethammer/2020/03/06/do-women-and-men-have-a-coronavirus-risk-gap/#674d70446826 | The need for sex and gender segregated data on infection and mortality rate |

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| BBC, 8 March 2020 | Are women and children less affected? | https://www.bbc.com/news/health-51774777 | Possibly, differences in smoking rates are responsible (lifestyle), as well as differences in the immune system |
| BBC, 8 March 2020 | Coronavirus: Five ways virus upheaval is hitting women in Asia | https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-51705199 | School closures, partner violence, frontline care workers, migrant domestic helpers, longer term economic impact |
| New York Times, 12 March 2020 | Why Women May Face a Greater Risk of Catching Coronavirus | https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/12/us/women-coronavirus-greater-risk.html | Women as formal and informal health care workers |
| France24, 13 March 2020 | Gender and the coronavirus. How is the epidemic impacting women? | https://www.france24.com/en/20200313-51percent-gender-and-the-coronavirus-why-are-more-men-dying-than-women | Video. Interview with immunologist prof.dr. Sabra Klein, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health |
| MsMagazine, 13 March 2020 | The Coronavirus Gender Gap | https://msmagazine.com/2020/03/13/coronavirus-covid19-gender-gap-women-workers-nurses-teachers-flight-airline-attendants/ | Women as carers, but also women's risk for job loss: flight attendants, domestic workers, teachers, nurses |
| Beckers Hospital Review, 13 March 2020 | Gender roles and the coronavirus: Why women may have higher risk of catching COVID-19 | https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/population-health/gender-roles-and-the-coronavirus-why-women-may-have-higher-risk-of-catching-covid-19.html | Women's roles in society pose higher risks. Compared to physicians, nurses have higher levels of exposure to diseases |
| SciDevNet, 16 March 2020 | 'Gender blind' coronavirus policies could hinder disease fight | https://www.scidev.net/global/gender/news/gender-blind-coronavirus-policies-could-hinder-disease-fight.html | Women at higher risk of infection, but have less power in decision-making Action plans that don't take into account gender differences will be less effective Economic and health impacts as schools close and travel bans set in |
| IPS Newsnet, 17 March 2020 | Gender "could be Coronavirus key" | https://www.ipsnews.net/2020/03/gender-coronavirus-key/ | Globally, women make up about 70 per cent of the health workforce and are primarily responsible for childcare, particularly in countries where schools have closed. Not recognising that this creates different needs means you're then not creating policy to mitigate against it |
| TIME, 18 March 2020 | As cities around the world go on lock down, victims of domestic violence look for a way out | https://time.com/5803887/coronavirus-domestic-violence-victims/ | COVID-19 is used by abusers to further isolate victims or threaten them. Women are the most likely victims. People who are already in an abusive situation run the risk of facing more extreme violence |
| NOS, 19 March 2020 | Ziekenhuisbevallingen en verloskundige zorg onder druk door corona | https://nos.nl/artikel/2327675-ziekenhuisbevallingen-en-verloskundige-zorg-onder-druk-door-corona.html | Hospital deliveries and obstetrical care under pressure in the Netherlands. Women may be required to have home births. The Dutch health care system is organized for homebirths but women now may not have a choice |

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| The Atlantic, 19 March 2020 | The coronavirus is a disaster for feminism. Pandemics affect men and women differently | https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2020/03/feminism-womens-rights-coronavirus-covid19/608302/ | “The coronavirus crisis will be global and long-lasting, economic as well as medical. However, the first outbreak where gender and sex differences are recorded, and taken into account by researchers and policy makers. For too long, politicians have assumed that child care and elderly care can be “soaked up” by private citizens—mostly women—effectively providing a huge subsidy to the paid economy. This pandemic should remind us of the true scale of that distortion.” |
| Daily Mail, 20 March 2020 | More than 70% of coronavirus deaths in Italy are men and scientists admit they are ‘mystified’ by the disparity between genders | https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8135211/More-70-coronavirus-deaths-Italy-men.html | Sex differences in infection and mortality rates in Italy – possibly explained by smoking, alcohol use, underlying illnesses, sex differences in immune system |
| Kaiser, 20 March 2020 | Coronavirus: A Look at Gender Differences in Awareness and Actions | https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/issue-brief/coronavirus-a-look-at-gender-differences-in-awareness-and-actions/ | More Women than Men Worry about Getting Sick and Losing Income Women more Likely than Men to Report Mental Health Effects from Worrying about Coronavirus Women Have Been More Proactive in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak |
| The Guardian, 21 March 2020 | For some people, social distancing means being trapped indoors with an abuser | https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/21/coronavirus-domestic-violence-week-in-patriarchy?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other | Coronavirus will lead to an increase in domestic violence. Gender-based violence tends to increase during humanitarian emergencies and conflicts. Coronavirus caused a spike in China, in the US calls to hotlines are increasing, with COVID-19 being used to further control and isolate women. |
| Haaretz, 23 March 2020 | Why Coronavirus Kills More Men Than Women | https://www.haaretz.com/world-news/premium-biology-or-behavior-scientists-study-why-coronavirus-kills-more-men-than-women-1.8688767 | Focusing on immunology and sex differences in immune system |
| NOS, 23 March 2020 | Zeker helpt coronadoden had onderliggende aandoening, twee derde is man | https://nos.nl/artikel/2328082-zeker-helpt-coronadoden-had-onderliggende-aandoening-twee-derde-is-man.html | There are no sex differences in infection rates in The Netherlands, but there is a sex difference in mortality 2:1 (M:F). This is explained by smoking behaviors, men smoke more often. Another explanation is underlying pathology such as heart disease. |
| CBS News, 23 March 2020 | Texas becomes latest state to halt abortion services | https://www.cbsnews.com/news/texas-governor-greg-abbott-stop-abortion/ | Abortion is deemed “medically unnecessary surgery” and has to be stopped, unless it is considered “medically necessary” |

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| | amid coronavirus outbreak | abortion-services-coronavirus-outbreak/ | |
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| Devex, 11 March 2020 by Chris Purdy | Opinion: How will COVID-19 affect global access to contraceptives — and what can we do about it? | https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-how-will-covid-19-affect-global-access-to-contraceptives-and-what-can-we-do-about-it-96745#.XmvOg7TFbPo.twitter | |
| WSFA12 News, 17 March 2020 | What pregnant women should know during COVID-19 outbreak | https://www.wsfa.com/2020/03/17/what-pregnant-women-should-know-during-covid-outbreak/ | Pregnant women tend to have weaker immune systems, staying home is encouraged |
| The Interpreter, 20 March 2020 | Why gender matters in the impact and recovery of COVID-19 | https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/why-gender-matters-impact-and-recovery-covid-19 | Gendered labour markets with care burden for women, migrant women more often precarious work and no health insurance or paid sick leave, limited access to protective services and materials, higher risk at job loss. Sexual and reproductive services may be disrupted (chain disruption), economic investment must focus not only on male-dominated sectors |
| The Inquirer, 21 March 2020 | Why is the coronavirus so much more deadly for men than for women | https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-men-boys-20200321.html | More men dying in nearly every age category, hence, also at younger age. Smoking is one explanation, but also men's susceptibility. Oestrogen is put forward as explanation for the fact that women seem to be more protected – women may be able to hold their virus loads low. |
| National Post, 23 March 2020 | Canadian women far more worried about pandemic than men, poll shows | https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/canadian-women-are-far-more-worried-about-covid-19-than-men-poll | Canadian poll from Abacus Data: Men less likely to worry, and also less likely to follow up on advice (not doing social distancing), mostly young men and older men |
| Daily Nation, 24 March 2020 | UN Chief seeks gender-responsive strategies on COVID-19 | https://www.nation.co.ke/gender/UN-boss-seeks-gender-responsive-strategies/5362750-5501222-7gq04vz/index.html | Gendered risks, also focus on need 13ors ex-disaggregated data: infection rates, economic impacts, differential care burden, incidence of GBV, embedding gender dimensions and experts in response plans and budget resources, providing access to women-friendly protective measures and personal hygiene for health care workers, flexible working arrangements for women with care tasks, targeting health messages to marginalized women, providing essential health services to women including SRH |
| NRC, 24 March 2020 | Wie valt ten prooi aan het coronavirus? Iedereen, maar mannen worden zieker | https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2020/03/24/wie-valt-ten-prooi-aan-het-coronavirus-iedereen-maar-mannen-worden-zieker-a3994769 | Focus on underlying illnesses, and 2:1 mortality rates (M:F), interview with Sabine Oertelt-Prigione, about sex differences in immune system and most likely because of genetic differences (double X-chromosome), immune response to virus seems to be controlled better in women. She thinks that oestrogen is not likely to play a role as sex differences also occur in the elderly. Smoking as an explanation for sex difference is also questionable because younger generations also show similar death rates and |

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| | | | younger patients are less likely to smoke. |
| New York Times, 25 March | Nurses share coronavirus stories anonymously in an online document | https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/25/business/media/coronavirus-nurses-stories-anonymous.html | A health care worker in New Jersey created a digital venue for people in the field to chronicle poor working conditions that may put patients at risk. Access the document here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqX7mNjv4cZtJtAsyb9Zef-9VOxIXk9xwVehO8sy0h5XKbbg/viewform |
| Transactivists, 25 March 2020 | Covid-19: Community response | https://transactivists.org/covid-19/ | The community response is crucial during this extraordinary period. We must remain vigilant, document, and report any human rights violations, interruptions of services and care. |
| BBC News, 26 March 2020 | Coronavirus: Malaysian men in shopping muddle amid lockdown | https://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-52040256 | The Malaysian government's decision to allow only "the head of the family" to leave the house to shop, as part of measures to suppress the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak, has had unintended consequences: Some men are unexpectedly finding themselves responsible for the grocery shopping and suddenly having to distinguish between bewildering varieties of vegetables, spices and herbs. |
| Devex, Rhoopa Dhatt, 27 March 2020 | Global health security depends on women | https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-global-health-security-depends-on-women-96861?access_key=&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=newswire&utm_campaign=yourheadlines&utm_content=text&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTlRObFpXTmxNVGhoT1RGbClsluQiOiIiV0hMbVJnOWdmMIQxczV4RnFcLzlsXC9lWE56alZyYzIqVfdHR3RMa1hBb2p3T3FIZkhNSGo1Q25ZRVNEZmdkczFLbVlzeUJVMVRDbjJLeVlYdWVobWg2Uk5PN2FSbFppY3N2b2QrWFF0WnA4NW9yTEJNXC83aG5LYVY0aHVxeHRpbjI9 | |
| The Guardian, 27 March 2020 | Global condom shortage looms as coronavirus shuts down production | https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/27/global-condom-shortage-coronavirus-shuts-down-production?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other | Biggest producer: Already a shortfall of 100 m condoms |

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| ICAEW, 27 March 2020 | Covid-19: Gender pay gap reporting deadlines suspended | https://www.icaew.com/insights/vi-ewpoints-on-the-news/2020/mar-2020/covid-19-gender-pay-gap-reporting-deadlines-suspended | |
| New York Times, 28 March 2020 | 'Women Will Not Be Forced to Be Alone When They Are Giving Birth' | https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/28/parenting/nyc-coronavirus-hospitals-visitors-labor.html?referringSource=articleShare | Partners of women who give birth at the hospital during the outbreak are allowed in the delivery room after they were originally barred. |
| The Guardian, 29 March 2020 | State control over women's bodies is an unforeseen outcome of the coronavirus crisis | https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/29/state-control-womens-bodies-covid-19-crisis | A U-turn on women's ability to access home abortions and the cancellation of IVF means they have less say over their fertility. |
| The Guardian 26 March 2020 X | Men are much more likely to die from coronavirus, but why? | https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/26/men-are-much-more-likely-to-die-from-coronavirus-but-why?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other | Insights into the corona gender gap. |
| Democracy Now! (US) | The war and peace report – Amy talks to Katie Ray Jones about the threat facing many women during social isolation and lock downs: domestic violence | https://www.democracynow.org/2020/3/27/domestic_violence_coronavirus_katie_ray_jones | "Domestic violence services are scrambling to help vulnerable people navigate home lives that they say are increasingly unsafe during the pandemic". |
| China Current | Audio report on 'the Gender question', with Sarah Hawkes | https://chinacurrent.com/story/19668/the-gender-question-the-novel-outbreak | Gender is always critical and again in the COVID-19 pandemic. Early data shows high-risk groups including the ageing population and those with underlying health issues such as long-term heart, liver, kidney and lung disease. But we are also beginning to know that men are more susceptible to infection, though the reasons for this are not clear. At the same time, with women making up the majority of the world's health workforce, what is the opportunity here to create a new movement for equality, so that the legacy of COVID-19 can produce some meaningful good for all of us? |
| Gender Security project | A callout for emphatic leadership | https://www.gendsecurityproject.com/2020/03/empathy-in-times-of-crisis.html | A list of comprehensive and impact-oriented responses to the Corona pandemic by non-cishet male leaders. |
| Saahas | A project by Gender | https://www.saahas.space/ | Saahas comprises a directory of support across 196 countries, a database of guidance |

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| | Security Project | | notes on understanding gender-based violence and ways to respond to them. The directory of support comprises over 40000 organizations across 196 countries offering medical, legal, education / employment, resources (food, shelter, clothing, emergency support), consular and refugee-specific support, police and ambulance services for survivors of gender-based violence and child support service. |
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| <i>Observations, opinions, statistics and news updates about the corona outbreak and social and medical disparities across the globe</i> | | | |
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| Mike Jennings, blogpost, 24 May 2020 | When Corona hits Sub-Saharan Africa it will have detrimental impact on people's lives and livelihoods | https://mikejennings101.wordpress.com/2020/03/24/covid-19-and-sub-saharan-africa-a-tragedy-in-waiting/ | Sub-Saharan countries are likely to suffer from both the medical and economic impact of the virus. This post outlines why. |
| Alex Broadbent and Benjamin Smart (Univ. Johannesburg, SA), 24 March 2020 | Why a one-size-fits-all approach can have lethal consequences. | http://theconversation.com/why-a-one-size-fits-all-approach-to-covid-19-could-have-lethal-consequences-134252 | How an emergency response that does not take into account global inequalities can even further harm people in vulnerable situations. |
| UN, n.d. | UN working to ensure vulnerable groups not left behind in COVID-19 response | https://www.un.org/en/un-coronavirus-communications-team/un-working-ensure-vulnerable-groups-not-left-behind-covid-19 | "Women, children, people with disabilities, the marginalized and the displaced, all pay the highest price in conflicts and are also most at risk of suffering devastating losses from COVID-19" (Antonio Guterres) |