



# OVERVIEW OF OECD WORK ON COVID-19

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# OECD membership

## 37 countries in Europe and outside Europe

- 22 EU countries
- 3 EFTA countries and UK
- Israel, Turkey
- USA, Canada
- 3 Latin American countries (Chile, Colombia, Mexico)
- 4 Asia/Pacific countries (Australia, NZ, Korea, Japan)





# OECD mandate

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- Provide a forum where governments can compare and exchange experiences in all policy areas, and identify good practices

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### POLICY RESPONSES TO COVID-19 COVERING ALL PUBLIC POLICY AREAS (OVER 180 BRIEFS):

- **Health:** Testing for COVID-19: How to best use the various tests?; COVID-19 vaccines for developing countries: An equal shot at recovery; Excess mortality: Measuring the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19; Beyond containment: Health systems responses to COVID-19; ...
- **Economy:** Walking the tightrope: Avoiding a lockdown while containing the virus; COVID-19 and the aviation industry; E-commerce in the time of COVID-19, ...
- **Employment:** Job retention schemes during the COVID-19 lockdown and beyond; Paid sick leave to protect income, health and jobs through the COVID-19 crisis, ...
- **Education and children:** Securing the recovery and resilience for the well-being of children in the post-COVID-19 decade; The impact of COVID-19 on student equity and inclusion: Supporting vulnerable students during school closures and school re-openings, ...
- **S&T and innovation:** Privacy and data protection aspects of digital tracking and tracing tools; Providing scientific advice to policy makers during COVID-19; ...
- **Environment:** Building a coherent response for a sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery, ...
- **Tourism:** Rebuilding tourism for the future: COVID-19 policy responses and recovery, ...



# Health at a Glance: Europe 2020



- Chapter 1: How resilient have European health systems been to the COVID-19 crisis?
  - To what extent containment and mitigation policies slowed the spread of COVID-19 during the first wave?
  - Did European health systems have sufficient capacity to treat COVID-19 patients during the first wave?
  - What has been done to protect older people from COVID-19?
  - How did European countries try to maintain access to care for non-COVID patients during the first wave?
- Data sources: OECD COVID-19 Hub, European Observatory COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor, ECDC, Eurostat



## New Policy Brief: How primary care helps health systems adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic

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- Released 10 February 2021
- Assessing impacts of COVID-19 on patients with chronic diseases:
  - To what extent COVID-19 disrupted routine care and resulted in delayed diagnoses or foregone care?
  - How primary care systems can play a central role to adapt and recover to health shocks such as COVID-19?
- Pointing towards key policies to expand primary care to make health systems more resilient during health crises
- Data sources: National administrative data, patient federations, professional associations



## Two new policy briefs on COVID-19 vaccines

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- **Enhancing public trust to improve Covid-19 vaccination acceptance** (expected end February 2021)
  - Reviews possible government policies to increase COVID-19 vaccine acceptance (along with continued acceptance of containment measures);
  - Builds on OECD Trust Framework.
- **Access to COVID-19 vaccines** (provisional title, expected end February 2021)
  - Describes current state of play in vaccine development and availability;
  - Discusses current supply chain challenges and early lessons from immunisation campaigns;
  - Emphasizes need to increase access in LMICs to accelerate global economic and health recovery.
- Sources: national data sources, scientific literature.



## New policy brief: COVID-19 impact on mental health

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- Examines impacts of COVID-19 crisis on population mental health, including key population groups (e.g. young people, unemployed, people with existing mental health conditions)
- Points towards key policies to support mental health from the health, employment and education sectors
- Based on national data sources (e.g. longitudinal studies across 2020)
- Expected release: April 2021





## New data collections on COVID-related indicators

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- **OECD 2021 data collections** (jointly with Eurostat and WHO-Europe) will provide one of the first opportunities to gather regular statistics on health system resources (human, physical, financial) and activities in 2020
- Supplemented by additional COVID-related collections (also jointly with Eurostat and WHO-Europe):
  - ICU resources (beds and staff) and use (occupancy rates)
  - Telemedicine (number/share of consultations)
- **OECD Health Statistics 2021** to be released end June 2021



# New EU Country Health Profiles

(as part of the State of Health in the EU cycle)



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1. HIGHLIGHTS
2. HEALTH
3. RISK FACTORS
4. THE HEALTH SYSTEM
5. PERFORMANCE OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM
  - 5.1. Effectiveness
  - 5.2. Accessibility
  - 5.3. Resilience
6. KEY FINDINGS

- Section 5.3 will focus on assessing resilience to COVID-19
- Other sections will assess impact of COVID-19 on health and access and quality of care for non-COVID patients

- To be released end November 2021