

**COVID-19, Gender, and Sexual and Reproductive Health Digest**

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March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**Headline:** [COVID-19: the gendered impacts of the outbreak](#)

**Source:** The Lancet

**Date:** March 6, 2020

**Notes:** The policy and public health response to the coronavirus disease must address the gendered impacts of outbreaks. "Recognising the extent to which disease outbreaks affect women and men differently is a fundamental step to understanding the primary and secondary effects of a health emergency on different individuals and communities, and for creating effective, equitable policies and interventions."

**Headline:** [Do Women And Men Have A Coronavirus Risk Gap?](#)

**Source:** Forbes

**Date:** March 6, 2020

**Notes:** This article describes the possible risk factors that could be influencing the infection and mortality rates of women and men, including the different travel patterns of women and men and the gender distribution in the health workforce.

**Headline:** [China's domestic violence epidemic](#)

**Source:** Axios

**Date:** March 7, 2020

**Notes:** Chinese activists say domestic violence cases have risen dramatically as people across much of the country have been quarantined during the coronavirus outbreak.

**Headline:** [Coronavirus: Five ways virus upheaval is hitting women in Asia](#)

**Source:** BBC

**Date:** March 8, 2020

**Notes:** As well as the health battle, the social impact of the virus is significant and across Asia, it is women who are being disproportionately affected. This article lists five ways that women in Asia are bearing the brunt of the upheaval.

**Headline:** [Women Are Bearing the Brunt of Coronavirus Disruption](#)

**Source:** Bloomberg Businessweek

**Date:** March 11, 2020

**Notes:** While the illness hits men harder, women are on the front lines at work and at home.

**Headline:** [The COVID-19 Outbreak: Potential Fallout for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights](#)

**Source:** Guttmacher Institute

**Date:** March 11, 2020

**Notes:** Overview of the potential implications of the COVID-19 outbreak on health care systems, economic barriers to care, reproductive behavior, and ideological attacks in the context of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

**Headline:** [We can't forget women as we tell the story of COVID-19](#)

**Source:** Washington Post

**Date:** March 12, 2020.

**Notes:** Women have historically been at the forefront of fighting to keep communities and families healthy, from the HIV/AIDS epidemic to the current coronavirus response.

**Headline:** [The coronavirus fallout may be worse for women than men. Here's why](#)

**Source:** World Economic Forum

**Date:** March 12, 2020

**Notes:** This is an analysis of the gendered effects of COVID-19 on the health workforce, which is comprised mostly of women, and the expected increased burden of care work on women globally.

**Headline:** [Why the Coronavirus Outbreak Could Hit Women Hardest](#)

**Source:** Time Magazine

**Date:** March 12, 2020.

**Notes:** This is an opinion piece on the increased burden of care work on women, particularly because women disproportionately hold jobs in industries with poor protections.

**Headline:** [How Is Planned Parenthood Preparing For Coronavirus?](#)

**Source:** Bustle magazine

**Date:** March 13, 2020.

**Notes:** This is an early analysis of the steps Planned Parenthood is taking to ensure continued access to sexual and reproductive health care in the United States.

**Headline:** [Republicans Tried to Sneak Abortion Restrictions into the Coronavirus Bill](#)

**Source:** Vice News

**Date:** March 13, 2020

**Notes:** Republicans are already attempting to wedge anti-choice restrictions into COVID-19 relief efforts, turning a public health crisis into an abortion debate.

**Headline:** [Women's domestic burden just got heavier with the coronavirus](#)

**Source:** The Guardian

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Notes:** The bulk of household chores in heterosexual couples is already borne by women – a situation exacerbated by the huge dislocations of the pandemic.

**Headline:** [Gender Implications of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Development and Humanitarian Settings](#)

**Source:** Care

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Notes:** Informed by lessons learned from past public health emergencies, CARE's analysis shows that COVID-19 outbreaks in development or humanitarian contexts could disproportionately affect women and girls in a number of ways, including adverse effects on their education, food security and nutrition, health, livelihoods, and protection.

**Headline:** [Trapped at home: Coronavirus could be disastrous for domestic violence victims](#)

**Source:** LA Times

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Notes:** While national and community crises historically have led to increased reports of domestic abuse, there is no research on how domestic violence might be specifically affected by our current situation.

**Headline:** [Coronavirus: What we know so far about risks to pregnancy and babies](#)

**Source:** NewScientist

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Notes:** Pregnant people don't seem to be at greater risk of experiencing severe COVID-19, and the virus doesn't seem to pass to fetuses, but there's still a lot we don't know.