

MENTAL HEALTH

AND COVID-19

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OLDER ADULTS

Older adults are particularly at risk for loneliness and social isolation as they are:









SUBSTANCE USE

Social isolation is a trigger for substance use5

Need for alternative opioid treatment programs⁶







POTENTIAL PSYCHIATRIC OUTCOMES OF COVID19 SURVIVORS



Up to 25% of patients who had ARDS suffer from PTSD & other mood disorders after hospitalization for acute lung injury7



Hospitalized COVID19 survivors are at an increased risk for8:







Chronic Fatigue

Mental Health Support should be provided to both front-line and non-frontline healthcare workers.

Potential mental health interventions for healthcare workers:



Schwartz Rounds for Moral Injury¹⁰

daily scheduled opportunity to reflect on stressors



Battle Buddies¹¹

partner system to allow for informal debriefing



WHO self-help plus¹²

evidence-based materials for self-help

Risk factors for these psychiatric outcomes include9:



ICU Admission



Being a Healthcare Worker

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