Covid-19: More than a Medical Issue

Economic impact of social distancing

Social distancing has proven economic benefits.

Studies suggest that three to four months of moderate social distancing would save the US $8 trillion when considering lives saved.

Social distancing saves lives AND money

Disproportionate effects on minorities

According to the Johns Hopkins community survey there is a...

$3x$ higher infection rate and a $6x$ higher death rate in predominately black counties (compared to predominantly white counties) in the US.

Interventions to reduce disparities in the pandemic should aim to address SYSTEMIC issues, including institutionalized racism in healthcare

Long–term impacts of school closures

Disparities in time, parental attributes, food security, recognition of learning gaps, and resources affect learning outcomes.

Poor access to quality K-12 education

Less likely to go to college

More likely to live in poverty

More likely to have poor health

Perpetuation of INTERGENERATIONAL inequality

Effects on low- and middle-income countries around the globe

The poverty rate is predicted to increase for the first time since 1990. Workers in the informal economy are particularly at risk of falling into poverty and facing starvation.

Countries with the highest rates of poverty and food insecurity will likely be among the hardest hit.

Importance of a swift lockdown: Haiti locked down within 3 days of their first case, whereas Ecuador waited >2 weeks. Haiti only has 81 confirmed cases nationwide, whereas Ecuador has 31,881 with hospitals and morgues overflowing.