



Clinical Consequences of COVID-19

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In 2019, a novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) caused a global pandemic, representing a major public health crisis. SARS-CoV-2 can infect all age groups, regardless of gender, ethnicity, and general health status. Direct contact, aerosol, and droplet transmission are the three main routes of SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Although the pulmonary system is its primary entry site, several non-respiratory clinical symptoms alongside cumulating anatomical evidence have demonstrated the virus's potential to invade multiple organs throughout the body, including the nervous system. There is wide consensus that the COVID-19 pandemic not only affects physical health, but also mental health and wellbeing. Because COVID-19 is a new disease, much about the clinical course and the possible long-term health consequences remains uncertain.

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