

## COVID-19 & Disability

COVID-19 has implications for eye health. The virus can cause conjunctivitis

Clear information must be available to the people who are blind or vision impaired. Information must be given on how people who are blind or vision impaired will be supported if they get hospitalised because of Corona Virus.

They should be able to maintain their safety due to an increased need to touch their surroundings and provide/receive sighted guide or tactile interpreting in the case of people who are deafblind.

Limiting touch and staying in a place are recommended to stop the spread of the virus in the absence of a vaccine or treatment. These restrictions create additional obstacles that may make them more vulnerable.

For blind or vision impaired students and for parents who are blind or vision impaired accessible home schooling resources should be available.

Glasses and sunglasses don't offer a complete barrier from respiratory droplets sprayed in your direction. Safety glasses, which protect the exposed sides and the area around your eyes, may offer better protection, health care experts say.

According to the World Health Organization, if you have the potential of being exposed to a person with Corona Virus, you should be equipped with protective eyewear, a surgical mask, medical gown, medical gloves and a disposable respirator.