



Covid Impact on Mental Health

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ABSTRACT

The biggest worldwide health emergency in a long time is the COVID-19 pandemic. It has caused a significant shift in the working environment and increased employees' concerns about their physical and mental health, which has had a profound impact on workforces and workplaces worldwide. The COVID-19 epidemic has had a major impact on the construction sector, making it difficult to enhance worker safety and wellbeing. Finding the health and safety problems that construction workers have faced throughout the pandemic and suggesting managerial techniques to address them are the goals of this study. To gather and classify, a comprehensive literature search was conducted on recently released works, industry experiences, reports, and other relevant documents.

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Introduction

The coronavirus, often referred to as COVID-19, is a severe acute respiratory illness that is brought on by the coronavirus 2 (also known as SARS-CoV-2). According to reports, the virus can spread from person to person and causes symptoms like exhaustion, shortness of breath, fever, and dry cough [1]. Everyone on the planet has been impacted by COVID-19 to varied degrees. Particularly, lockdowns and quarantines will have a lasting impact on workers and the workplace as a whole. COVID-19 has had a variety of effects on workers, including as a greater reliance on remote labor, travel restrictions, and layoffs. There is no denying that the coronavirus has impacted workers and permanently changed the workforce, even though it appears that this crisis is ending and businesses are beginning to reopen. See some of the most significant impacts that COVID-19 will have on workers in the years to come.

Growing Work from Home

Given the huge rise in employees working from home since the start of the epidemic, this fact may be the most important impact of COVID-19 on workers. Even once the pandemic ends, this compromise won't be altered anytime soon. More than 50% of employees currently express a desire to work remotely more frequently in the future, and this desire will influence the roles they select. Companies who weren't big on having a virtual workforce may eventually be forced to become more flexible and support remote work due to this widespread desire. The absence of equipment or space for home offices is one of the main obstacles to adjusting to remote work. These amenities frequently consist of fast internet, ergonomic cushions, Teams settings, and desks and tables. They will be widely available in the upcoming

years since businesses are already prioritizing these amenities to help their staff be more productive. An actual example is the case of Twitter, which reimbursed its employees for all of the home office supplies they purchased.

Another impact of the coronavirus on workers was the rise in the necessity for non-traditional meeting methods since people could not physically meet to cooperate. Meetings also decreased significantly as a result of businesses only holding them when absolutely required. Companies that weren't used to these technologies have begun to change with the times. Now a days most of the businesses do employee interviews via video call, and this trend is only going to continue. Even though COVID-19 abruptly replaced customary work practices, it also accelerated already-occurring trends, like shifting work to teleworking settings. Before the epidemic, it was typically up to the employee to decide whether or not to work remotely. However, that was altered by COVID-19, which forced many employees of construction offices to work remotely. Lack of a workstation at home and the requirement to establish boundaries when transferring from the work-to-home setting provide difficulties for many employees. This issue has been made worse by isolation since employees feel socially isolated and miss out on everyday connections with friends and coworkers, which are crucial for mental wellness [2].

Covid Impact on Mental Health

The COVID-19 pandemic and SARS-CoV-2 have both had a major impact on people's mental health. During the epidemic, many people suffered from symptoms of substance use disorders, anxiety, and sadness. Additionally, data indicates that the months after contracting COVID-19 are associated with a higher risk of mental illnesses or problems. Numerous symptoms pertaining

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to mental health and brain function may be experienced by people with Long COVID. Some people are more likely to be impacted than others, even though the COVID-19 epidemic has had a widespread influence on mental health. This includes members of racial and ethnic minorities, expectant moms, those experiencing housing and financial instability, children, individuals with disabilities, those with previous mental health conditions or substance use disorders, and healthcare professionals [3]. The extraordinary stress brought on by the social isolation brought on by the epidemic is one of the main causes of the rise. This was linked to limitations on people's capacity to work, ask for help from loved ones, and participate in their communities. Anxiety and depression have also been linked to a number of stressors, including loneliness, financial concerns, sadness following a loss, fear of infection, and suffering and death for oneself and loved ones. One of the main causes of suicidal thoughts among healthcare professionals has been fatigue [4].

Covid Impact on Education

The education industry has seen significant changes during this era, including a move from traditional in-person classes to online learning environments, changes in the pedagogy teachers use, the administration of tests and competitive exams, etc. The effects of COVID-19 on education pose certain difficulties. First, to safeguard the old teaching system, which has completely been replaced by online instruction, which necessitates high-speed internet, robust technological support, and teacher training—all of which are not available to everyone. Second, because the originality of the performance cannot be guaranteed, the assessment and evaluation system that uses an online platform does not provide accurate student performance. Even while flextime programs have made studying easier thanks to online resources, there is no guarantee that students will actually show up for class. Sometimes the teacher and students experience a lot of disruptions because of network issues. Students occasionally engage in mischievous behavior by creating fictitious email addresses, creating sounds, leaving pointless comments, and so forth. The instructor finds it challenging to keep discipline. However, in some fields, like web design, where the practical demonstration is better comprehended through online presentations and screen sharing features, this online form is more suitable than in-person instruction [5].

Covid Impact on Children

In addition to concerns based on socioeconomic determinants of health, the COVID-19 epidemic has had a substantial indirect impact on a number of aspects of child development, including school readiness, educational attainment, socializing skills, and mental health. The child's age at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, their familial support system, their general health, their access to online and at-home learning opportunities, and their community environment all have a role in how they experienced it as a child. The child's experience evolved differently in different parts of the world, with some regions seeing school closures and quarantines that were significantly longer than others. Storybooks and textbooks were among the many educational resources that transitioned to digital media during this period. Children had less

opportunities to read and write on paper and instead taught how to complete tasks using digital platforms. For many kids, handwriting was a fine motor ability that weakened throughout the pandemic. Developmental delays, learning difficulties, and behavioral issues have become more common in children, which may be the result of several altered experiences during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic for a child who may have previously been at some risk [6].

Pandemic Impact on Relationships

The well-being of the families is seriously threatened by social disruption-related issues during the epidemic, such as stress from confinement, financial instability, and the strain of caring for others. Intimate and familial relationships, as well as personal well-being, are also negatively impacted. During this period, couples are dealing with more external stressors. For example, there is a significant chance that one or both partners will lose their jobs. Relationship satisfaction has suffered as a result of the increased financial burden brought on by wage reductions or eliminations. Using technology to provide health care has several benefits, including cost savings, convenience, and the possibility to treat people with limited mobility or those living in rural areas without access to a nearby physician or clinic. Work in mental health is demanding, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prolonged job-related stress can result in burnout, which can cause emotional exhaustion and loneliness. Due in part to their sincere desire to help as many people as possible, therapists are an especially vulnerable group. Since the pandemic, there has undoubtedly been an increase in marital disputes. The number of clients seeking divorces has increased, as far as I can tell. Children can become a specific cause of tension and suffering. Covid has made it more difficult for some parents, especially if they have different views about the virus. Having to continue parenting with someone after a relationship ends is never easy.

Conclusion

Although the epidemic has allowed many families to spend more time together, other relationships have not fared well in an era of unheard-before disruptions and uncertainty. There are too many possible indirect implications of the COVID-19 pandemic to list them all and cover them in detail in this editorial, they do indicate a crucial path forward and the support that continues pediatric research needs. It is necessary to monitor and evaluate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the neurodevelopment, educational attainment, social development, physical and mental health, future employment, terminal educational achievements, and long-term mental and physical health of the generation of children who experienced it. The researchers speculated that a decline in virtual connections might have resulted from work schedules that left many couples with less time to electronically keep up with friends and relatives. According to the study's findings, methods for reducing pathogen transmission without compromising the face-to-face interactions required to maintain meaningful relationships must be developed in order to be ready for future disease outbreaks.

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