**Policy Changes & Delivery of Services**

**Challenges posed by COVID-19 to people who inject drugs and lessons from other outbreaks**
Discussion paper which concludes that consultation with user advocacy groups is essential when planning health responses. [Journal of the International AIDS Society](https://www.journalofaids.org)

**Guidance on the provision of support for medically and socially vulnerable populations in the EU/EEA countries and the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic**
Aims to identify the major cross-cutting challenges, successes and lessons learned during the lockdown period March-May 2020. [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu)

**Infection prevention and control and surveillance for coronavirus (COVID-19) in prisons in the EU/EEA countries and the UK**
Principles of IPC and management of coronavirus infection in prisons. [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu)

**Health & Behaviour**

**COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on substance use: implications for prevention and treatment**
Addiction care must be reinforced, not postponed, to prevent complications of both SUD and COVID-19, and to prevent transmission of the virus. [Psychiatry Research](https://www.psyresearch.com)

**Global survey on changes in the supply, price and use of illicit drugs and alcohol, and related complications during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic**
Rapid survey found a decrease in supply and use of illicit drugs, with related increase in price, but an increase in use of alcohol, cannabis and prescription drugs. [MedRxiv](https://www.medrxiv.org)

**Impacts of COVID-19 on people who use substances**
Consultations to understand, and help mitigate, the day-to-day realities faced by users, their families and those providing support services. [Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction](https://www.ccsua.org)

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