

COVID-19 & Mental Health

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As of Mar. 15, 2021, Minnesota has more than:

- 490,000 positive cases
- 26,000 hospitalizations
- 6,700 deaths

COVID-19

• 1.2 million people with at least one vaccine dose

Impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health



- Young people are struggling with their mental health.
- Rates of suicidal ideation are highest among youth, especially LGBTQ+ youth.
- People screening at risk for mental health conditions are struggling most with loneliness and isolation.

Suicide, homicide & substance use related deaths in Minnesota, 2000-2020



**** Data for 2020 are preliminary**



Minnesota Callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



35,000



2019 2020

Suicide Prevention Efforts



Kognito At-Risk



Zero Suicide Framework



Sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking



- Increase in online solicitation and exploitation due to more time online, greater isolation, and usual social media risks for youth.
- Exacerbation of domestic violence due to more time at home, economic and familial stressors, and diminished ability to seek help privately.
- Fewer opportunities for disclosure and identifying child abuse; increase in severity of cases.
- Community tension due to cases of trafficking, sexual assault, and harassment associated with Line 3.
- Difficulty providing services for survivors while maintaining COVID-19 safety considerations.
- Trepidation related to Derek Chauvin trials; preparing for impact on community and services.

Mental Health Resources



- MDH has several online resources for community members, health care professionals, and work sites to support mental well being.
- Local mobile crisis teams
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- Crisis Text Line: Text "MN" to 741741
- Safe Harbor: health.state.mn.us/communities/safeharbor
- Day One Hotline: <u>dayoneservices.org</u>

Thank you!



