

YOUNG LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND COVID-19:

To address the exclusion of all vulnerable children and girls in society, it's important to understand the unique needs, vulnerabilities and capabilities of young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Questioning/queer people during the COVID-19 outbreak.



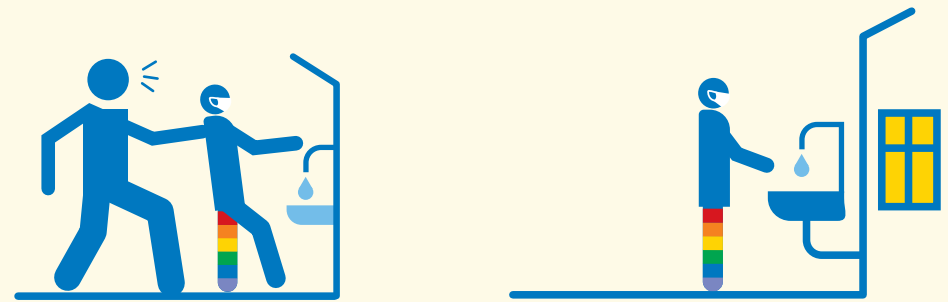
Important information and services may not reach LGBTIQ+ communities.



✗ Young LGBTIQ+ people are bullied at school and may be socially isolated.

✓ Develop an education support and action plan that involves LGBTIQ+ children's parents and caregivers.

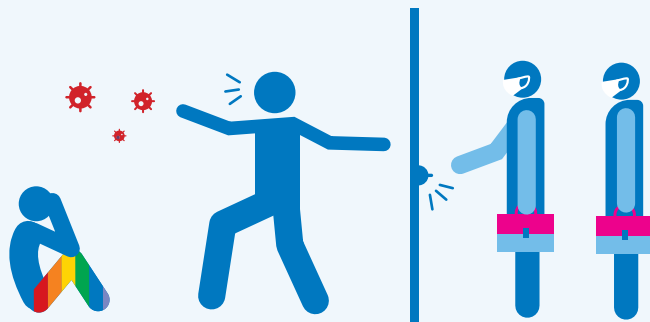
Young LGBTIQ+ people may have limited access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities, making hand-washing and other health advice hard to implement.



✗ Young LGBTIQ+ people face discrimination when accessing water points, toilets, and shelters.

✓ Partner with local CSOs to ensure needs assessments include WASH requirements for young LGBTIQ+ people.

Shelter-in-place means that young LGBTIQ+ people cannot escape unsafe family homes, where parents or siblings are often perpetrators of violence.

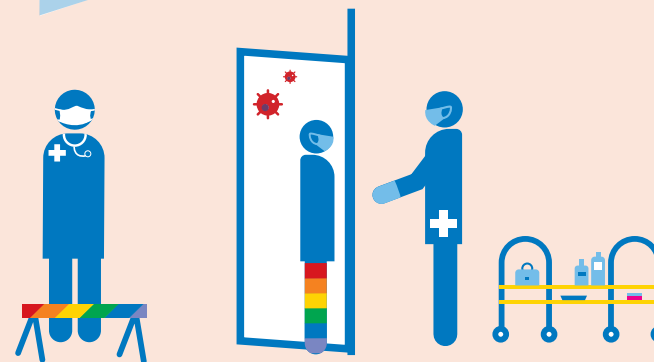


✗ Young LGBTIQ+ people experience violence in family homes.

✓ Build inclusive child protection strategies by involving LGBTIQ+ children and adolescents in SGBV risk assessments.



There is increased severity of COVID-19 illness for young LGBTIQ+ people with underlying health conditions, or who do not go to health facilities.



✗ Discrimination means LGBTIQ+ people do not access health care.

✓ Partner with local CSOs who may be providing some health care services, including SRHR, to young LGBTIQ+ people

Movement restrictions have destroyed livelihoods, and young LGBTIQ+ people may be homeless or lack family and community support structures.



✗ Discrimination leads to informal and street-based work.

✓ Include young LGBTIQ+ people in cash and voucher assistance. Social assistance is an opportunity for making transformative change for LGBTIQ+ households.

INCLUSION ACROSS THE PROGRAMME CYCLE

01 PREPARATION ●

Identify cultural, gender, social and other norms that negatively affect young LGBTIQ+ people's access to services

● 02 INITIAL RESPONSE

Ensure rapid need and other assessments are inclusive of young LGBTIQ+ people and their families

● 03 MITIGATION

Consider the particular access issues and needs of young LGBTIQ+ people and their families, and integrate these into programme delivery

04 RECOVERY ●

Engage the strengths of young LGBTIQ+ people, their families, and the organisations that support them in programme design and implementation

