

A Long COVID Diagnosis: Implications for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

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What does the Long COVID definition mean for patients?

- Providers can more easily diagnose which may lead to:
 - Better access to care and treatment
 - Better research
 - Better access to work accommodations
 - Better access to services
 - Better access to benefits
- Validation of experience
- Community support



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Gaps

- Healthcare access and affordability to obtain diagnosis
- Quality healthcare access and affordability following diagnosis
- Disability benefits and other social services (home and community based services, SNAP, etc.)
- [Work accommodations](#)
- Community support



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How do we address stigma and social isolation?

- Public and provider education on Long COVID and other infection-associated chronic conditions (IACCs)
- Self-education (e.g. on [disability justice](#), [experience of having an IACC](#))
- Providing adequate funding to government agencies
- Talking about it
- Supporting Long COVID support groups
- Mitigation measures (e.g. masking, indoor air quality standards)
- Understand and meet access needs
- Research!



Thank you!

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