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COVID-19 Social Problems in Contemporary America

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ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the world in a variety of ways. Our society and the world have placed significant focus on the number of positive cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and number of individuals vaccinated. This data does not adequately encompass the ways in which the pandemic has impacted individuals of varying class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality differently. Many of the factors that have affected people need examination through a sociological lens. A variety of social problems related to inequality have been created and/or exacerbated by COVID-19. There are many social determinants of health that contribute to an individual's ability to respond to the pandemic. This research aims to identify the ways in which an individual's socioeconomic status, sector of work, access to healthcare, and educational level has resulted in differing experiences regarding COVID-19.