



Coronavirus & Gender Data

7 things you need to know!

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Men and women have different behavioural patterns. Biologically men and women also differ. Some of the important differences related to the Coronavirus outbreak are outlined below. The differences below are related to the much higher mortality rate for men that has been detected so far during the outbreak of Corona.

Behaviour



Men tend to have far more 'bad habits' compared to women. Some of these are smoking and drinking.



Men do not take Corona as serious as women. 54% of women are "very concerned" about the virus compared with 45% of men. 72% of women avoid large public gatherings, compared to 58% of men. 65% of women avoid close physical contact with others, whereas 56% of men avoid close physical contact.



Men seek less medical advice and help than women - and at a far later stage - when they feel sick.



A comprehensive study found that half of men don't wash their hands with soap after using the bathroom. 15% of men don't wash their hands at all, compared with 7% of women. When men do wash their hands, only 50% of men use soap.

Biology



Genetically women have faster and more effective immunesystems than men which is better at beating down viruses. Female genes battle virus faster and more effectively than male genes



Researchers point to the fact that Testosterone suppresses the immune system paving the way for a more serious impact of the Coronavirus.



Men on average have bigger bodies than women – and hence have e.g. bigger hands and mouths that could potentially increase the spread of and the exposure to the virus



Men are more likely to have underlying conditions that make them extra vulnerable. On average men live shorter than women and have a higher probability of dying of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and respiratory illnesses.