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COVID-19 and the needs of people living with SMA

The current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has led to a lot of uncertainty and questions, especially from families with children and adults who have a medical condition like spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

SMA Europe is gathering information from expert neuromuscular healthcare professionals to provide you with the latest information and advice, as it becomes available. You can find this here: <https://www.sma-europe.eu/our-advocacy/covid-19-and-sma/>

Importantly, SMA Europe is actively advocating with Eurordis, a patient-driven alliance of patient organisations of which we are part, for the specific needs of people living with a rare disease during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two statements, which we endorse, have now been released:

- [Rare disease community raises alert over discrimination in critical care guidelines during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [EURORDIS open letter to policy makers: Recommendations to protect people living with a rare disease during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)