

**Society Awareness for Elders During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**It is important for individuals in society to be aware of issues the elderly population faces during this traumatic time. The elder population is at higher risk for contracting the virus.**

**Why is the COVID-19 problematic for elders?**

**Lack of knowledge about the full range of services. There are 8 out of 10 COVID – 19 reported deaths in the U.S. of elders 65 and older. Elders 85 and older are at greater risk for severe illness from COVID-19.**

**Causes of Isolation**

* **Living alone causes isolation. If seniors have symptoms, they can call 911, which directs them to available resources, such as 24-hour helplines, for counselors to help them.**
* **Limited access to items. Seniors are recommended to stay indoors and not go out in public during the pandemic. This makes it difficult to obtain important necessities.**
* **Restricted visitors: seniors in assisted living homes are not allowed to have visitors. [Source: www.Agewell.com]**