

TAKEAWAYS ABOUT COVID-19 IN PEOPLE WITH SCI



In order to keep the SCI community informed, NASCIC has taken the initiative to put together a white paper of all current evidence-based information and knowledge about COVID-19 related to those living with SCI.

These are the main takeaways:



RISK

People with SCI are **NOT** at a higher risk of getting infected with the COVID-19 virus

SYMPTOMS

The early symptoms people with SCI experience can often be confused with UTI

COUGH & FEVER

Cough and fever may not be as severe as compared to people who have COVID but do not have an SCI

SEVERITY

The severity of symptoms and disease course of COVID-19 in people with SCI, so far, is not as bad as initially expected

SECONDARY COMPLICATIONS

Age and underlying secondary conditions may still be risk factors, more information is needed

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

It is still **very important** to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by washing hands, wearing a mask, and social distancing

To download a copy of the white paper visit:



https://nasciconsortium.org/sdm_downloads/covid-19-sci-whitepaper-download/