



COVID-19 IMPACTS VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

Here's What You Need to Know

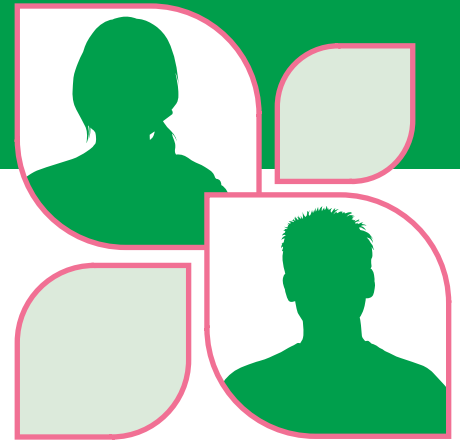
Advocates, survivors and organizers are aware of the impact that the COVID-19 quarantine may be having on survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, family violence and child sexual abuse.

Amid the COVID-19 quarantine, here are a few stressors that may lead to increased violence in the home:

- Severe isolation due to social distancing.
- Increased level of unemployment and business closures.
- Increased racism against Asian people and immigrants.
- Misinformation about the virus on social media platforms.

Survivors may be experiencing:

- A shortage of health materials and supplies within shelters.
- Inability to escape violence at home due to isolation and social distancing.
- Quarantine by perpetrators as a way to control power play in the home.
- Limited access to forms of communication and/or internet, and therefore are hard to reach.
- Travel restrictions that impact a survivor's escape or safety plan.
- Limited spaces in shelters due to social distancing requirements raise fear for victims currently trying to escape.



What are Advocates Doing?

- Constantly working to get in contact with victims and clients.
- Connecting with other organizations on sharing resources and supplies.
- Creating safety plans for youth and victims.
- Creating call centers and help lines for survivors and youth.
- Creating overflow locations for shelters.
- Increasing safety awareness outside of shelters and during travel.
- Increasing awareness of safety and care within organizations to help improve services.
- Extending services to family members.

What Can You Do to Help Survivors?

- Encourage your clients or potential clients to stay in contact and reach out if they need help.
- Create versatile ways to stay in communication with clients.
- Offer virtual support whenever necessary.
- Reach out to HAP Advocates for support in making informed decisions on how and what you communicate with your clients.

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