Access to education, therapies, and services during COVID-19

Survey 4

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- Across 55 different genetic conditions and 28 countries.
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Effects on services

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- 75% of ABA services or other behavioral therapies were being received in-person.

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- 55% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
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Dependents had more access to in-person education:

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Wearing masks during COVID-19:

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- Completed by 352 families
- Collected Nov 12, 2020 to Nov 30, 2020
- Across 55 different genetic conditions and 28 countries

18% All in-person
55% Both in-person and online
27% All online

Dependents received more therapies in-person

- 75% of ABA services
- 100% of therapies were being received in-person.
- 15% of ABA services were being provided virtually (50% to 75% to 100% in-person).

Dependents had more access to in-person education.

What school looked like

- 92% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
- 65% of caregivers were satisfied with their child’s IEP.
- 16% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
- 19% of caregivers were dissatisfied with their child’s IEP.

Wearing masks during COVID-19

- 35% of children were not. For children having difficulties wearing a face mask, the non-disruption or minimal disruption was moderate to severe (65%).
- 62% had a moderate to severe disruption.
- 35% of children were not.

SARS-CoV-2 infection

- Only one participant with a genetic condition reported being hospitalized from SARS-CoV-2 to date.

Effects on services

Disruptions to services, therapies or medical supports due to COVID-19 decreased since survey 2.

- In survey 3: 87% of families had moderate to severe disruptions in services.
- In survey 4: 45% of families had moderate to severe disruptions in services.

Survey 4 participant demographics were similar to Simons Searchlight COVID-19 surveys 1-3.

- 65% of children were required to wear masks to participate in their regular activities.
- 19% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
- 61% of physical or occupational therapy was received in-person.
- 75% of ABA services or other behavioral therapies were being received in-person.
- 19% of physical or occupational therapies or ABA services were being provided through a hybrid model (remote/in-person).

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Effects on services

**Disruptions to services, therapies, or medical supports due to COVID-19**

- In survey 3: 87% of families had moderate to severe disruptions in services.
- In survey 4: 45% of families had moderate to severe disruptions in services.

**Dependents received more therapies in-person**

- Applied Behavior Analysis Services: 75% in-person, 16% all in-person, and 8% online.
- Physical or Occupational Therapy: 46% in-person, 11% all in-person, and 43% online.

**What schools looked like**

- 27% of children were required to wear masks to participate in their regular activities.
- 65% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
- 22% of caregivers were satisfied with their child’s IEP.

**Wearing masks during COVID-19**

- 53% of children were wearing a face mask for regular activities.
- 33% of children were wearing a face mask for school activities.
- 14% of children were not wearing a face mask.

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Survey 4 participants demographics were similar to Simons Searchlight COVID-19 surveys 1-3.

- 65% of SARS-CoV-2 infections were being treated in-person.
- 16% of SARS-CoV-2 infections were being treated online.
- 19% were not treated.

**Who Participated?**

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- 80% of respondents said their child had an individualized education plan, or IEP.
- 100% of caregivers were satisfied with their child’s IEP.

- 75% of Applied Behavior Analysis Services were being received in-person.
- 61% of physical or occupational therapy was being provided through a hybrid model (remote/in-person).

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