COVID-19 and its impacts on the LGBTQ+ Community

To provide appropriate care to LGBTQ+ populations, we need to know the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on their experiences and quality of life.

### Youth:

- **40%** of LGBTQ+ youth say they considered suicide in the past year.
- **70%** of LGBTQ+ youth said their mental health was “poor” most or all of the time during the pandemic.
- **50%** Half said they wanted help with their mental health but were unable to access any.

### Professionals:

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### Adults:

- **66%** of LGBTQ+ households have had a serious financial problem paying utilities and other bills.

### People of Color (POC):

- **29%** of LGBTQ+ POC report having trouble paying their rent or mortgage compared to 9% of non-LGBTQ+ white people.
- **26%** of LGBTQ+ POC are twice as likely as non-LGBTQ+ white people to test positive for COVID-19.

### Additional Information:

- 64% of LGBTQ+ households experienced employment loss compared to 45% of non-LGBTQ+ households, including:
  - Having lost a job or business, or been furloughed
  - Having wages or hours reduced or taking a mandatory unpaid leave
- **NEARLY 50%** of LGBTQ+ youth said that COVID-19 impacted their ability to express their sexual orientation.
- **NEARLY 60%** of transgender and nonbinary youth said that COVID-19 impacted their ability to express their gender identity.
- **64%** of LGBTQ+ households experienced employment loss compared to 45% of non-LGBTQ+ households, including:
  - Having lost a job or business, or been furloughed
  - Having wages or hours reduced or taking a mandatory unpaid leave
- **38%** of LGBTQ+ households have been unable to get medical care or delayed getting medical care for a serious problem vs. 19% of non-LGBTQ+ households.

### Sources:

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