

"Thank you for this well-explained course and knowledge that I am already putting in practice... I am going to share this with colleagues, residents, visitors, community members and families in a wider way."

-OpenWHO user, COVID-19 long-term care course

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The latest from WHO's open learning platform

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New clinical management course expands COVID-19 learning response

OpenWHO continued to increase pandemic learning opportunities in October with the launch of a new course on how to provide safe, effective and quality care for patients with COVID-19.

The [new resource](#) is the first in what will be a series of six courses for health care workers that address different aspects of COVID-19 clinical management. It reflects the latest technical guidance for COVID-19, building on a broader course that covers clinical care for severe acute respiratory infections.

The COVID-19 series will be hosted on a new [learning channel](#) that brings together clinical management trainings on a variety of diseases, including Ebola and influenza. Overall, OpenWHO now offers 138 [COVID-19 courses](#), spanning 19 different topics and 42 languages.

LATEST COURSES



Course 1: Clinical management of patients with COVID-19 - General considerations



WHO COVID-19 Mass Gatherings Risk Assessment Training
Updated with new tools



Long-term care facilities in the context of COVID-19

Attention health workers

Learn how to provide
safe, effective & quality clinical care
for patients with COVID-19

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WHO Director-General highlights OpenWHO at Executive Board meeting

Speaking at a key meeting on COVID-19, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus outlined OpenWHO's contribution to building country capacity during the pandemic by providing free online learning.

Tedros noted that the OpenWHO platform provides courses on a range of topics to support the COVID-19 response, from infection prevention and control to operational planning and data collection. The availability of courses in more than 40 languages demonstrates "our commitment to multilingualism," he said during the 5 October [Executive Board session](#).

In addition, Tedros stated that OpenWHO "has provided powerful proof of concept" for the upcoming [WHO Academy](#).



WHO Incident Management System course enrolments surge

OpenWHO hosts two multilingual courses on the Incident Management System (IMS), WHO's command system to control health emergencies.

The introductory course, [IMS Tier 1](#), covers the minimum package for all personnel deployed in WHO emergency response, while the intermediate course, [IMS Tier 2](#), builds on Tier 1 to provide a deeper understanding of the IMS.

Both courses are available in six languages – Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish – and additional languages such as Chinese are under development.

The courses have experienced an exponential increase in enrolments during the pandemic, as witnessed platform-wide. IMS Tier 1 tripled its learning numbers in the past year, reaching 30 000 enrolments, while IMS Tier 2 increased nearly 6-fold from 4000 to 23 000. Completion rates are high, 40-50% on average, breaking MOOC industry standards.

WHO personnel have also increasingly joined the courses, with IMS Tier 1 increasing from 1200 to 1800 staff enrolments, and IMS Tier 2 from 500 to 1600.

USING CROWD POWER TO TRANSLATE KNOWLEDGE FOR COVID-19

Locations of WHO offices and volunteers helping with OpenWHO translation



OpenWHO hosts COVID-19 courses in 42 languages and counting, thanks to the crowd power of translators from all corners of the globe.

In total, more than 6.3 million words have been translated for pandemic learning through partnerships with WHO regional and country offices, organizations such as Translators Without Borders, and other volunteer translators worldwide.

OpenWHO learners



20-39 year-olds represent 70% of total users



More male users (52%) than female users (48%)



Top users:
health professionals (1/3)
and students (1/3)



2/3 of total course enrollees are from the WHO Americas region & South-East Asia region