# Poland

## COVID-19 cases

On 23rd September 2020 there were 79,988 registered COVID-19 cases and 2,298 deaths in the overall population.[[1]](#endnote-1) To our knowledge, data on COVID-19 cases, deaths, job-loss, and poverty were not disaggregated by disability.

## Emergency, lockdown, and confinement

There was no official state of emergency in Poland.[[2]](#endnote-2) We found no information regarding suspension of disability rights, policy, lockdown exceptions for persons with disabilities or measures supporting people as lockdown lifted.

## Involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities

We found no information indicating that DPOs were involved in the development of national policy, task forces, or consulted government institutions regarding the interests of persons with disabilities.

## Communications and announcements

Government communications and announcements were translated in sign language. The National Health Fund established a helpline for information regarding COVID-19, and this helpline was accessible to persons with hearing problems. There was evidence that there were issues with the accessibility of these communication channels, but that these issues were solved or in the process of being solved.[[3]](#endnote-3)

## Institutions and closed settings

There was no publicly available data regarding cases or deaths in institutions and closed settings. Nevertheless, the information gathered by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights indicated that there were several COVID-19 cases in institution among residents and staff. One of the most serious situations the Agency mentions is the case of a nursing home in Warsaw, where 20 out of 37 residents were infected with COVID-19, and almost the entire medical staff left the facility.[[4]](#endnote-4) We found no information regarding policy on institutions and closed settings.

## Healthcare

We found no information regarding prioritization of COVID-19 treatment.

## Social protection

The state increased the monthly co-financing for the salary of employees with disabilities. Moreover, government introduced a compensation of remuneration paid to persons with disabilities employed in Vocational Activity Establishments.[[5]](#endnote-5)

1. WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard, Poland, available at: https://covid19.who.int/table [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Information provided by EDF. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. EQUINET, COVID-19 responses, Poland, available at: <https://equineteurope.org/covid-19-response/#data> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. FRA, Coronavirus pandemic in the EU - Fundamental Rights Implications - Bulletin 2, available at: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/covid19-rights-impact-may-1> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. FRA, Coronavirus pandemic in the EU - Fundamental Rights Implications - Bulletin 2, available at: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/covid19-rights-impact-may-1> [↑](#endnote-ref-5)