From Global to Local…
What Can We Learn about Pandemic Response from Global Health and Human Rights Frameworks?

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Governments have responsibility to 

**respect**  
Government restrictions on individual rights must be necessary (consistent with the best available scientific understanding), proportionate (to the threat and time-limited) and non-discriminatory.

**protect**  
Governments must regulate non-state actors (e.g., employers, landlords, high-risk facilities) to ensure they do not interfere with the public’s enjoyment of the right to health and other human rights.

**fulfill**  
Governments must proactively engage in activities and provide financial and other supports to strengthen access to and realization of the right to health and other human rights.
Government Powers & Responsibilities for Pandemic Response

Ensure Access to Health Care

Develop & Distribute Safe & Effective Diagnostics, Therapeutics & Vaccines
Increase Health Care Capacity

Conduct & Communicate Ongoing Risk Assessment, Disease Surveillance & Evaluation of Interventions

Provide Social Supports to Enable Compliance with Public Health Guidelines & Minimize Secondary Harms

Alter Operation of Public Facilities and Services to Mitigate Community Transmission while Ensuring Continuity of Operations

Regulate Business Operations to Protect Workers & Residents & Mitigate Community Transmission

Regulate Personal Movement & Behavior to Mitigate Community Transmission

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Social Supports, Legal Protections & Accommodations to Enable Compliance with Public Health Guidelines & Minimize Secondary Harms

- Provide legal protections to preserve employment, income, housing & utilities
- Ensure safe, sanitary & accessible housing conditions for all, including people in custody and detention, people experiencing homelessness, and domestic violence, people with disabilities, and people in communal, low-income, and rental housing
- Provide financial support & direct delivery of essential goods and services for those in need, including effective personal protective equipment
- Work with affected organizations and populations to accommodate & support safer alternatives to high-risk activities
For more...

References

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