

Risk of COVID case fatality in India

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Risk of Covid case fatality in India relatively higher among females: Study

While females share a lower mortality burden than males in general there is no reported case of male mortality in the age group 5–19 years, and hence the entire burden is borne by females.

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The burden of females in the total Covid-19 deaths is 36.9 per cent. (Representational)

Early evidence indicates that while males overall bear a higher burden of coronavirus, females have a higher relative-risk of Covid-19 mortality in India. Data till May 20 reveals that the overall case fatality rate (ratio of number of confirmed deaths as to the total confirmed cases) among males is 2.9 per cent, but is significantly higher among females, at 3.3 per cent.

A new study reported in the Journal of Global Health Science has said these findings call for equal, if not greater, attention toward females for [Covid-19](#) care.

Researchers from Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Institute of Health Management Research, IIMR University, Jaipur, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Harvard Centre for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, USA and Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health, Boston used crowdsourced data (<https://www.covid19india.org/>) to provide preliminary estimates for age-sex specific Covid-19 case fatality rate (CFR) for India.