Even During COVID-19, Do Not Delay Seeking Medical Care

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Medical care delay or avoidance increases morbidity and mortality risk associated with treatable/preventable health conditions and might contribute to excess deaths.

An estimated 40.9% of U.S. adults have avoided emergency and/or routine medical care during the pandemic due to concerns about contracting COVID-19.

50% of excess deaths in 14 U.S. states were due to underlying causes other than COVID-19.

34% decrease in hospital admission rate for all conditions during the pandemic.

Increased avoidance of emergency care among Black and Hispanic adults compared with White adults is especially concerning given increased COVID-19-associated mortality among Black and Hispanic adults.

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