

Vietnam's COVID-19 Policies for Older Persons

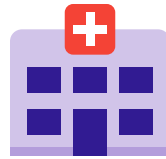
Vietnam kept community transmission low during the pandemic and focused on increasing the capacity of local and district health centers to treat and care for older persons during the pandemic and educating older persons on their risks to COVID-19.

Monitoring older persons' needs



The government set up monitoring systems for older persons through nursing homes and community centers

Hospital safety standards



Protocols for pandemic response and control were adopted for hospitals to protect and care for patients

Health standards for older persons



Local clinics received guidelines for older persons' safety and educating older persons during the pandemic



Advanced medication orders

Older persons were able to receive 2-3 months advanced supplies of medications



Telehealth rolled out

Telehealth program development accelerated for successful use during the pandemic

Empower local health centers



Local and district health centers were empowered to meet the health needs of older persons during the pandemic

Vaccine development



Vietnam has 4 vaccines under development and has agreements with foreign manufacturers to receive vaccines for citizens

Economic support



Older Vietnamese persons qualified for direct cash payments provided to vulnerable groups