

Abstract

According to available sources, this diploma thesis describes the issue of negative effects of social isolation on patients in the hospital for long term sickness as an unintended consequence of anti-epidemic measures. The work describes the target group of older people, including their needs and possible residential facilities that can be used by them. It also describes the factors that threaten the health of seniors and their prevention, including social isolation and a detailed description of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), with statistics and measures that have been ordered to protect more vulnerable people. At the end of the theoretical part, the sociological concept of unintended consequences is described. The empirical part is focused on seniors and older people living in residential facilities, who are at risk of social isolation because of the closure of facilities, due to the epidemic of COVID-19. With emphasis on their own experience of the situation, including the described effects on their health and perception of the whole situation.