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The question below has been answered by the Academic Collaborative Centers affiliated with the Dutch Association of Academic Collaborative Centers Intellectual Disabilities. An overview of questions can be found on the [Association's website](#).

Question

What are the quality, validity and reliability of various health apps and websites related to the COVID-19 virus (Corona)?

Answer

Based on scientific research, little is known about the quality, validity, and reliability of health apps and websites related to the COVID-19 virus (Corona) in people with intellectual disabilities. However, there are many useful websites and resources where information can be found and inspiration can be obtained. A number of sources are discussed in more detail below.

The 'Kennisplein Gehandicaptensector' has published a large collection of eHealth, including apps and websites, on their website:

- <https://www.kennispleingehandicaptensector.nl/ernstige-meervoudige-beperking/emb-spelsoftware-eiv>.
- <https://www.kennispleingehandicaptensector.nl/gezondheid/coronavirus-gehandicaptenzorg>.

In addition, all municipal health services in the Netherlands have jointly initiated a merge of all consumer health apps, also known as the 'GGD AppStore. See link below:

<https://www.kennispleingehandicaptensector.nl/technologie-en-apps/ehealth-appstore-ggd>.

Other relevant sites related to this question include the following:

- <https://www.zorgvannu.nl/themas/digitale-ondersteuning-bij-covid-19-coronavirus>
- <https://www.icthealth.nl/nieuws/online-betrouwbare-informatie-over-het-coronavirus/>

Here is a link to a page that has collected all communication materials about the Corona virus. There is also a part included that is 'easy to read', with pictograms and a film for people with mild intellectual



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disabilities: <https://www.renataverloop.nl/communicatietips-corona>.

Also, on www.begrijpelijkecommunicatie.nl there is a dropbox with all the collected communication materials for people with an intellectual disability, also with regard to the outbreak of the Corona virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also introduced a Health Alert messaging. This service provides you with the latest news and developments regarding the Corona virus, including details about symptoms and how to protect yourself. To register for this service, you can click on this link: <https://twitter.com/DrTedros/status/1241111124994637825?s=08>. If you send "hi" there, you will receive an app with a selection menu.

In addition, 'Video consultations, a guide for practice' was published this week on the website of the British Medical Journal (BMJ): <https://bjplife.com/2020/03/18/video-consultations-guide-for-practice/>.

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