

**PARTICIPANTS
REQUIRED**
.....
OVER THE AGE OF 70

**ACCESS TO THE
INTERNET AND A
SUITABLE DEVICE TO
ACCESS A SURVEY**

**WITH OR WITHOUT
HEARING LOSS**

We want to understand the effects of
social distancing on anxiety, loneliness,
mood and cognition through an online
survey

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What is the purpose of the research?

The COVID-19 outbreak has caused world-wide disruption in community and social interactions. People over the age of 70, deemed as having a greater risk for severe illness, are expected to follow social distancing guidance particularly stringently and limit face-to-face interactions wherever possible.

In the UK, half of people over the age of 70 live alone, so rely on connections outside of their household. We want to understand how isolation due to coronavirus is affecting people over 70, and how this may be different for people with hearing loss. Participants will complete an online survey so we can measure the psychological effects of forced distancing. The results will determine: a) how hearing loss and social distancing are related to loneliness, depression, anxiety and cognitive function and b) if people with hearing loss require additional support during the crisis, and if so, what this support should involve.

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