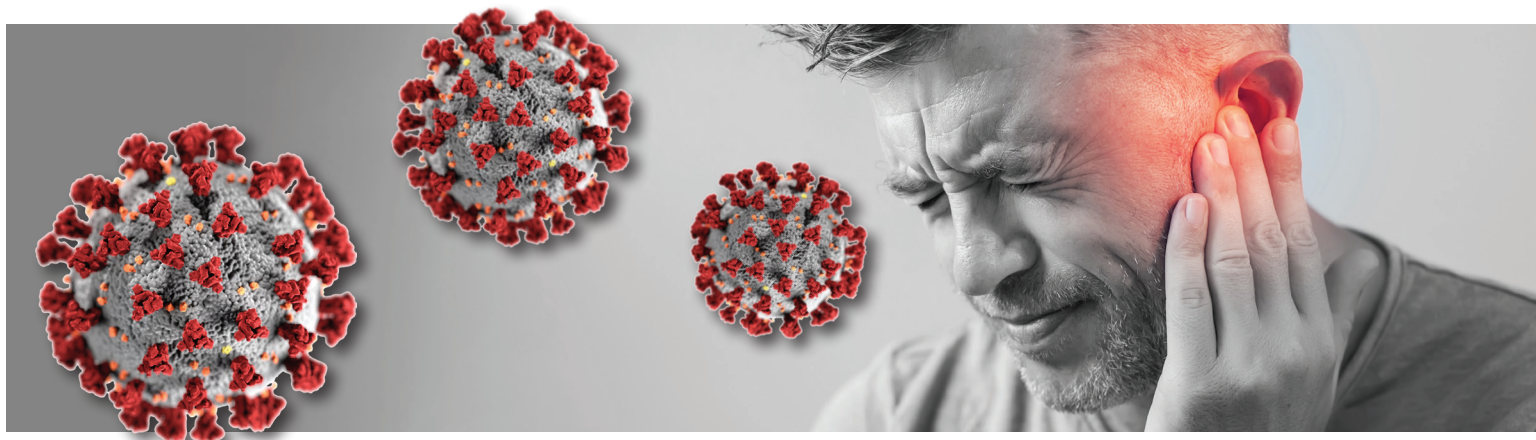


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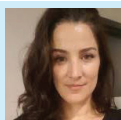
## Emerging reports of hearing loss during the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of accessibility to audiological services

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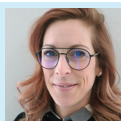
Covid-19 symptoms range from respiratory distress and fever to completely asymptomatic cases. Several viral infections are known to affect the auditory system and recent case studies propose that SARS-CoV-2 is no exception. Emerging reports indicate the manifestation of both sudden sensorineural hearing loss as well as milder levels of damage during a SARS-CoV-2 infection. Inflammation, ischemia, and thrombosis have, amongst others, been identified as possible causes. Despite the current directives for home isolation and closure of certain services, accessibility to early audiological evaluation and monitoring upon suspicion or detection of sensorineural hearing loss remains essential.



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