**Inclusion criteria**

# Participants/population

**Included:** the general population irrespective of age (i.e. including children, adolescents and elderly) and comorbidities (no comorbidities, diagnosed with diabetes, multiple sclerosis patients etc.) as long as these comorbidities are not related to mental health.

**Excluded:** studies exclusively reporting on health care personnel, SARS-CoV-2 cases (suspected or confirmed) and COVID19 patients. These studies will be excluded from the current review but will be catalogued as such in the course of study selection.

# Intervention(s), exposure(s)

Participants should be affected by the COVID19 epidemic/pandemic, hence the study should have taken place after December 2019. Studies about other pandemics (e.g. Ebola) or taking place before December 2019 shall be **excluded**.

# Outcomes

We will **include** studies that present data on prevalence (frequencies) or change in prevalence in any mental health condition, alcohol use, substance abuse and violence. We will include only studies that used validated questionnaires or interviews about the symptoms the diagnosis of the conditions of interest (*although you might not be able to tell that from the abstract*).

We will **exclude** prevalence studies that rely on hospital admissions and diagnoses recorded on medical records as access to the hospitals has been avoided during the epidemic/pandemic.