**Inclusion and Exclusion criteria**

# **Participants/population**

**Included:** the general population irrespective of age (i.e. including children, adolescents and elderly, with a particular medical condition e.g. diabetics etc).

**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. *Quality of life will also be included as outcome*. 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.