State: Estonia

Committee: Junior UNICEF

Agenda: Impact of Covid-19 on Children

The Covid-19 pandemic in Estonia is part of the ongoing [worldwide pandemic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic) process. The virus was confirmed to have spread to [Estonia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estonia) when the first case was confirmed in [Tallinn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tallinn) on 27 February 2020. Starting from March 11th stronger measures have been taken to suppress the spread of the virus among adults as well as children.

We know that the virus has affected everyone, even children, despite some of the people who thought against it. There have been a lot to be done and there are still things to consider among the measurements and solutions.

1.The psychological effects of Covid-19 on children.

Children are among those most exposed to the Covid-19. Covid-19 spread all over the World. Just like everywhere else, children are affected by the virus in Estonia too. Children played a lot of video games because they couldn’t go outside when they want. Playing a lot of video games effected children both physical and mental. Children became antisocial because of they play a lot of video games, and they couldn’t go outside whenever they want. In worldwide, children effected bad in pandemic.

2. Economic

In the first months of Covid-19, people bought a lot of food, mask, and other important thinks for pandemic, so in first months of pandemic, people bought a lot more thinks than normal times. It means that in first months, people bought a lot of things, and it was good for the economy. But then, touristy countries damaged because of people couldn’t go there. And tourism is one of the most important economic activities in Estonia. When adults cannot gain money, children cannot afford to buy, either. So economic crisis has affected children in Estonia like in worldwide, too.

3.The Health Issues

Covid-19 is a deathly virus, and it killed a lot of people during pandemic. In worldwide, Covid-19 killed more than six million people and in Estonia, it killed more than 2.500 people. However only little bit of them are children. Most of children survived the virus without dying. Because children’s immune system is better than adults.

A lot of hospitals are nearly full during the peak periods of the pandemic. It was a big problem, so countries made a lot of new hospitals. When the pandemic starts, Estonia had only 30 hospitals. And that’s not enough, so Estonia made other hospitals like other countries. Estonia’s population’s 3,47% was doctor before pandemic. Doctors were enough. When the pandemic starts, Estonia was doing great. But in 2022 January- February-March, Covid cases do a peak. But, when cases do a peak, deaths don’t do a peak. It means that vaccination worked well.   
 10% of cases were children cases in Estonia. It’s not that much in Estonia and in the worldwide. So, Covid-19 wasn’t that much contagious and deadly for children. But because of Covid-19, there were lots of patient so, offering health care was hard too. It means that some of children (and adults) can’t go to the doctor for diagnosing and treating diseases. It causes some another health problems too. It means that if Covid-19 doesn’t make somebody sick, it doesn’t mean that Covid-19 isn’t a big problem. So, Covid-19 has been difficult for children, just as it has been for adults.

As a solution, we suggest to states lowering the vaccination age. People should be informed about Covid-19. People should be sensitive about children’s rights especially during pandemic.

So, we should keep strong and we should make the world a better place for children.