COVID-19 in MS
Initial findings from the iConquerMS/MGH survey

Who took the survey?
1,047 people completed the survey and 98 people provided a partial response
98% of our responders are people who have been diagnosed with MS
Responders live in 24 countries across 6 continents
88% live in the United States

COVID-19 testing
47 people have been tested
9 people tested positive for COVID-19
145 wanted to be tested but haven’t been

Why weren’t people tested?
• The test was not available
• Testing was not offered by their doctor
• They didn’t meet the criteria for testing

Impact on healthcare
Many people have had medical visits or tests postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19
- Neurologist visits: 22%
- Lab tests: 21%
- MRIs: 11%
- Other medical visits: 48%

38% of our responders had a telehealth visit due to COVID-19

People also reported difficulties or delays in accessing their healthcare
- 18% have had problems getting medical procedures performed
- 17% have had trouble accessing complementary/alternative medicine services
- 11% have had an issue concerning their disease-modifying therapies (getting a prescription filled, getting an infusion, etc.)

Impact on quality of life
The coronavirus and public health response have moderately affected people’s ability to exercise, their financial situation, and their diet/access to food

1 = no negative impact

| Diet, financial situation: 3 | Ability to exercise: 3.5 | 7 = significant negative impact |

However, the write-in responses reveal that people are experiencing stress, anxiety, boredom, and isolation

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to take this survey.
For more information, contact us at info@iConquerMS.org.