

‘They are terrified’: fearing coronavirus, people with potentially fatal conditions avoid emergency care.

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Patient ability to access [emergency care](#) is [vital](#) for timely and appropriate diagnosis and treatment. This story highlights how patient and family discomfort with going to the emergency room for [non-COVID-19](#) associated conditions that challenge their safety.