

Policies during the COVID-19 crisis and health inequities in Rotterdam

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Appendix B – Equity questions exclusion criteria

The equity question on information provision was excluded given that providing information can be considered a concern for all policies, and therefore it presents too wide a scope for our literature review. Instead, implications relating to this question will be included in the discussion section of this report.

The equity question on the changes in governmentally provided health services was excluded, as it was restricted to a limited number of activities in healthcare that fall under the responsibility of the municipal and regional health services. Actions on the delivery of hospital care and primary care were not included as they were not considered policies according to our definition (see eligibility criteria above). As limiting governmentally provided health services cannot be treated in isolation from other health services that may or may not be provided during the pandemic, we excluded this question from the literature search.

The final equity question which was excluded from our search refers to policy actions aiming to limit the use of public transportation to avoid spread of the disease, and to provide alternatives for urgent travels. Only three policies were covered in this question, each of which was very specific to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, it would have been unlikely for the evidence base to have provided us with answers regarding the impact of restricting the use of public transportation. As a result, we excluded this question.