



Untouchable, new outside world

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Summary

We explore how social isolation affects family life. Our main communication methods are speech using CIs, finger spelling and social-haptic communication. Haptics (touch messages), fingerspelling and haptic exploration are used in close contact. We have been teaching in last 30 years on how to approach deafblind person and touch, now we need to teach people to keep their distance.

Many deafblind people are accustomed to having a lot of human contact, outside greeting others and explore objects through touch. Now by the time you get out you must worry that people are not keeping the necessary social distance. We share some tips and solutions on how to communicate and take care of things during the corona time. For deafblind people, the importance of contact to be guided is very important. So, what happens when touch is forbidden? We will introduce some solutions when going out; keep your distance clothes, Nordic cane walking with using haptic guiding belt, “bridles” behind, hospital bag including haptics information sheets, deafblind-wrist band and how to teach the concept of keeping two meters apart from each other.