Because of the overwhelming burden of the pandemic on healthcare systems and the redirection of resources to the needs of COVID-19 patients, there has been a substantial effect on organ donation and transplantation. These effects have been made evident by data reported to the GODT by several countries.

To better understand this impact, an international group of researchers and clinicians convened to investigate the temporal trends in organ transplantation activities during the COVID-19 outbreak both between and within countries. The study was led by the Paris Translational Research Centre for Organ Transplantation/INSERM and included representative participants from 22 countries.

A sharp decrease in overall organ transplant procedures was observed with immediate lifesaving impact due to decreased liver, lung, and heart transplantations. To measure and compare the dynamics of transplant activity across the included countries over time, an open-access dashboard was created and will be updated periodically: https://covidtransplants.org.