



Actions for the patients in relation to the pandemic



LA LIGUE EXPRESS



Created in 2014
9 000 members

350 volunteers
8 staff members

Two websites:
liguecontrelobesite.org
journeemondialecontrelobesite.org

67 patient associations

5 regional committees
14 departmental antennae

A **national colloquium** of patient associations « Strong Ideas »
An **annual grant** for patient associations projects

A scientific council
A patients' council

A national siege in Paris
An administrative platform in Montpellier

ACTIONS FOR AND WITH THE PATIENTS

- A dedicated '**SPECIAL COVID-19**' help line for patients
 - The unit was launched in April 2020 for people living with obesity seeking information on health, psychological, social and legal issues, etc.
 - 300 calls were made in the first 10 days of activity. The emergency unit is still active today.
- The online **colloquium of patient associations "Strong Ideas"** on the theme "What Covid-19 and the health crisis have taught us about obesity".
 - The panelists included Mrs. Jacqueline Bowman-Busato (EASO), André Cicoella (President of the association Réseau Environnement Santé – engl. Environnement Health Network), film-maker and author Gabrielle Deydier.
- The **organization of the WOD** (World Obesity Day) despite the pandemic, giving people living with obesity hope, and the opportunity for self-transcendence and togetherness.
 - A dedicated website was created: www.journeemondialecontrelobesite.org
 - A challenge online was launched, "Kilometers against obesity", where people all around the Globe could register their physical activity for 5 days, from the 4th of March to the 7th of March.
 - The challenge was set for 10,000 km, largely overpassed: 35,000 km were registered in the end.
 - An online colloquium of 12 hours straight was held, with various panelists: health professionals, patient representatives, scientists, athletes, entertainment stars and cooking chefs...
 - Decathlon France was a main partner, the general director declared becoming aware of the struggles of people living with obesity and promising a long-term collaboration with the LCO, providing adapted physical activity material, employment opportunities and launching a plus-size clothing collection.

POLITICAL ACTIONS IN FAVOR OF THE PATIENTS

- Participation for the **AFERO document** (and co-signing) of recommendations addressed to people with obesity or having undergone bariatric surgery during the first period of confinement. [Learn more](#)
- Participating in the **‘Vulnerable Sacrificed’ collective** (September/October 2020) and completion of an online petition that gathered almost 38,000 signatures to call for the extension of the ‘Isolation Certificate’ as part of the protection of vulnerable populations from Covid-19. [Learn more](#)
- **Launch of a procedure** in September 2020 before the **Council of State**, in order to obtain the annulment of the decree of 29th of August 2020 and the reinstatement of the decree of the 5th of May, which granted access to the partial unemployment and the ‘isolation certificate’ to people living with obesity. A favorable decision was obtained on the 15th of October. [Learn more](#)
- **Integration in the network of France Assos Santé**, the voice of patients, among the 85 associations that are agreed by the Ministry of Health. [Learn more](#)
 - Co-signing a letter to the Prime Minister to defend the rights of the vulnerable population against Covid-19.
 - In this capacity, the General Director of the LCO, Mrs. Agnes Maurin, had several remote meetings with the Ministries of Health and Labor.
- **Media campaign** during April 2021 in favor of prioritization of [vaccination for people with obesity under the age of 50](#).
 - Several national television news programs (France 2, France 3, BFMTV), and radio stations (Europe 1) reported the demand for vaccinating people living with obesity under 50 years old at the same time as the other vulnerable populations.
 - The HAS (Haute Autorité de Santé), then the Prime Minister Jean Castex responded that it was the right decision to make.
 - The President Macron opened the vaccination schedule for people with obesity and other chronic diseases under 50 years old (diabetes, HTA, asthma, etc.) since the 1st of May.

MAIN ACTIONS OF THE LIGUE CONTRE L'OBÉSITÉ



- A dedicated 'SPECIAL COVID-19' help line for patients
- A training organization for medical professionals and patients
- A medical center specialized in obesity **OBÉSANTÉ**
- Continuous involvement in the implementation of the health national policies

Also,

- The national survey Ligue contre l'obésité — ObÉpi — Roche
- The **WORLD OBESITY DAY FRANCE**
- Information and prevention actions
- Access to relevant information about obesity
- Emergency actions for patients

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

