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**Covid-19: ALLERGIC AND ASTHMATIC LESS AFFECTED BY INFECTION "POSSIBLE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF LOCAL CORTISONICS BY INHALATION".** Rome - People with allergies or asthma appear to have a lower risk of getting Covid-19 infection. This is what emerges from a preliminary study conducted by the Italian Society of Allergology, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (**SIAAC**) together with the University of Verona, the University of Padua and the Poliambulanza hospital in Brescia. "We will publish the data in a few days - anticipates Dire Gianenrico Senna, president of **SIAAC** and director of the Allergology operational unit of the hospital company - University of Verona - it is still preliminary results, but for now what we suggest is that allergy sufferers and asthmatics are very rarely affected by Covid-19. In our wards, for example, the frequency of asthmatics with Coronavirus infection is included in a percentage ranging from 2% to 3%, while in the general population it is 6%. If we take the cities of Brescia and Verona in particular, the former has a percentage of asthmatics of 1.9%, while the latter has 2.9%. And these percentages, I repeat, are much lower than those of the general population ". The Italian research therefore seems to confirm a study conducted in the United States, which will shortly be published in the journal ' Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology', one of the most important in the sector. But how would that be explained? "We still don't know exactly the reason, but as the American study also says - explains Senna to the Dire agency - one of the possibilities may be that the effect of the anti-inflammatory, intended as a local cortisone taken by inhalation, may in some way to eliminate inflammation in asthma patients and give a positive effect. This is an immunological response triggered at the allergic reaction level, which in some respects could be protective against the virus. We are still investigating this, but what is certainly certain and established is that both in China and in Italy the percentage of asthmatic people hospitalized for Covid-19 is lower than that of the general population ". There is, however, another aspect to consider, finally, the president of **SIAAC** stresses, that is, those who suffer from asthma "when there was an ongoing infection, such as that of Covid- 19, he probably had more attention precisely because he knew that that infection could have worsened asthma,"Senna concludes. Share on: [Whatsapp](#) [Telegram](#) I like it: [I like it](#) [Loading...](#)

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