

02 jun 20 - Covid -19: Illegal gold digging camps expose 40% of the Yanomami to the pandemic

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A study called [?The pandemic impact at the Yanomami Indigenous Land: #OutWithGoldminingAndCovid?](#), by the Socioambiental Institute (ISA) in a partnership with the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), points that almost 40% of the yanomami indigenous people who live close to illegal gold mining areas at the Indigenous Land Yanomami (TIY) may become infected with the new coronavirus. The research considers invading gold miners as the major vectors of transmission inside the demarcated territory. The report concluded that the Yanomami Indigenous Land is the most vulnerable territory in the Amazon regarding Covid-19, once it faces high social vulnerability, precarious local health infrastructure and a history of respiratory ailments among its population.