



***WIPO launches "PATENTSCOPE COVID-19 INDEX" to assist scientists, engineers, public health policymakers; IP Australia allows some free extensions of time***

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**Abstract:**

WIPO has shown great initiative in launching a new search facility to support innovation efforts in response to covid-19.

The [Patentscope covid-19 index](#), available through through WIPO's global patent database [Patentscope](#), intends to assist innovators to develop new technologies to fight the pandemic.

Those who can use the information include the following:

- Scientists
- Engineers
- Public health policymakers

In a further update, IP Australia has made available a streamlined process to extend extensions of time, offering free 3 month extensions for those impacted. See IP Australia's "Business continuity and the coronavirus disease (covid-19) outbreak website, updated 22 April 2020, [here](#).