

**ÎN VREME DE PANDEMIE. COVID-ULȘI FAMILIA SA LEXICALĂ  
ÎN LIMBA ROMÂNĂ ACTUALĂ  
IN TIME OF PANDEMIC. COVID AND ITS LEXICAL FAMILY  
IN CURRENT ROMANIAN LANGUAGE**

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*Abstract:* In his study, the author aims to discover the creation modality of the lexical family of the COVID term, in current Romanian language, which seeped from medical language in both literary and popular language, since the pandemic breakout. After a short presentation of certain aspects related to medical terminology and common meanings of the discussed term, the linguist seeks the external and internal methods of vocabulary enrichment, to which there can be added the borrowing and, eventually, the linguistic calque, both involved in the creation of this unique lexical family. Despite its recent appearance, as derivative base, COVID made possible, in the Romanian language, the creation of a lexical family with multiple members. Even if many of the lexical unities are ephemeral or coincidental, frequently painted in a stylistic and ironic way, they must be reported, because all of them illustrate the internal dynamics and creativity.

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