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There is mounting evidence that many people who have experienced COVID-19 are left with chronic, multi-organ symptoms, which is informally known as long COVID or post-acute COVID-19 syndrome. Initial studies show that up to 70% of people affected by COVID-19 experience some reduced organ function four months after the onset of their acute symptoms.

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