



The Role of Public Health during Crises: Lessons and Challenges

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Public health systems worldwide have been under tremendous pressure during the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises to deliver timely and appropriate services despite the ever-changing circumstances and high degree of complexity related to the pandemic. This special issue focuses on the lessons learned and the challenges encountered during the rapid transformation required. The aim is to develop a special issue that informs and supports the future of public health. Therefore, papers presenting new research, discussions and reflections on how to safeguard public health functions for health and wellbeing while remaining agile, people-centred and aligned with values such as universal access to health during emergencies are welcomed. Areas of interests include e.g. organizational change, use of new technologies and innovations, investment in public health literacy, communication and provision of information to the public, interventions and approaches to cover the full spectrum of health including physical, mental, and social health, and reach-out to people in vulnerable situations.

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