



Substance Use, Treatment, and Harms during COVID-19

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Message from the Guest Editors

The global COVID-19 pandemic has posed major challenges to communities and the public health sector for more than a year now. During the pandemic, an ever-growing body of research has demonstrated both increases and decreases in substance use. While changes in substance use behavior are increasingly well understood, there is a paucity of research on the implications for substance treatment and attributable harms. In this special issue on “Substance Use, Treatment, and Harms during COVID-19”, we call for papers examining how substance use and treatment as well as attributable harms have changed with the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers addressing this subject and aim to bring together different perspectives on substance use, health care provision, and substance-attributable harm. This includes both qualitative and quantitative approaches examining changes in substance use, treatment provision, as well as community and policy responses during COVID-19. Submission of articles focussing on high-risk and marginalized communities that have been most severely hit by the pandemic are particularly appreciated.





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