



The Social Environmental Impact on Food Insecurity

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The association between food insecurity status and social environment is becoming more and more evident in this time of crisis. While food insecurity is clearly rooted in lack of affordable housing, child care, health care, or social welfare policies, the relationship between social capital and food insecurity has not been investigated thoroughly. Covid-related lockdowns are challenging and reshaping the food access strategies of people, especially those who are food insecure. In Spring 2020 empty supermarket shelves and rationing of basic commodities as well as closure or shifting strategies of food pantries affected food access of people in a situation of food insecurity. In order to access food, people with food insecurity have likely increased their exposure to Covid-19. Covid-19-positive subjects may be unable to work, generate income, and procure food while quarantined, exacerbating food insecurity.

This special issue focuses on the impact of social environment factors on food insecurity. Given the timely moment, it offers the opportunity to integrate or analyze from a different angle some associations that are becoming crucial in understanding and facing food insecurity.





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