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Health Disparities and Stigma in the Era of COVID-19

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Message from the Guest Editor

Recent statistics suggest disparities in the incidence, prevalence, and mortality rates of the COVID-19 virus among certain racial and ethnic groups are thought to make them more vulnerable to the virus. These determinants include but are not limited to: access to healthcare, economic insecurity, poor neighborhood and housing conditions, and availability of resources.

We welcome articles and commentaries providing insights into the influence of the social determinants of health, including structural factors such as housing and neighborhood density on mitigation strategies; cultural beliefs about testing; economic constraints; and the influence of access to testing on disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and mortality from COVID-19. Empirical articles or reviews on stigma associated with the virus are also welcomed. Of particular interest is the role of stigma on getting tested for COVID-19, stigma associated with mitigation strategies such as wearing masks, and health outcomes related to stigma for some ethnic/racial groups.



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