



COVID-19 Disparities and Vaccine Equity

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Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly compounded health disparities in several minority populations across the world, further widening gaps in social, political, economic, and racial inequities. Despite the availability of effective vaccines developed against SARS-CoV-2, varying degrees of access and uptake among communities affected by historical and cultural trauma continue to adversely impact minority populations, leading to fractured and ineffective responses to COVID-19 mitigation efforts. This Special Issue intends to explore the dynamics of COVID-19 disparities in minority populations internationally and the impact of mitigation efforts, including vaccines, over the course of the pandemic.

Topics of interest may include but are not limited to:

- vaccine hesitancy;
- attitudes and behaviors towards vaccines;
- COVID-19 disparities in infection and mortality disproportionately impacting racial/ethnic groups and/or other minorities;
- community-informed approaches, which may include CBPR methods, communication, and education;
- long-term health impacts of COVID-19.

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