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Call for Papers: COVID-19 and the State of Georgia
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association (jGPHA) announces a call for papers with an emphasis on the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the pandemic's impact on population health in Georgia, USA. **This is a rolling article collection and as such submissions will be welcomed at any point up until October 15, 2021.**

The special issue editors invite papers that address COVID-19 in the State of Georgia from a broad range of COVID-19-related topics, including:

- Impact of public health practices implemented by public health agencies at all levels of government
- Effectiveness of public health policies and practices, compared with other US states or territories, and jurisdictions outside the USA
- Surveillance methods used for detecting, characterizing, and monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic
- Use of electronic health record data from clinical settings that can help guide public health practice
- Infectious disease modeling on which to base public health practice
- Policy or legal approaches that have a direct impact on health services, health behaviors, or population health
- Disparities in testing, treatment, and survival outcomes for racial or ethnic minorities and other populations at risk
- Impact of social or economic factors on disease transmission
- Partnerships with traditional and nontraditional public health partners
- Impact of COVID-19 on academic public health or the public health workforce
- Use and effectiveness of screening and response protocols
- Contact tracing, including the use of digital tools
- Impact on persons in healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, clinics, or long-term-care facilities) or non-healthcare congregate or custodial settings (e.g., retirement or independent living communities, incarceration settings, homeless shelters, educational institutions, cruise ships, or military housing)
- Health communication regarding information and misinformation about COVID-19 in the digital age
- Impact on persons experiencing mental or emotional health problems (e.g., increased stress or anxiety, feelings of loneliness, or suicide ideation or attempts during shelter-in-place mandates) or other health consequences attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic

- Ethics dilemmas and human rights challenges in COVID-19-related clinical decisions (e.g., use of ventilators) or public health decisions (e.g., social distancing and personal liberty, release of patients' demographic information, and personal privacy concerns)

ISSUE EDITORS

Isaac Chun-Hai Fung, PhD, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, and **Jessica S. Schwind**, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University will serve as issue editors of the COVID-19 issue.

PUBLISHING INFORMATION

Full manuscripts, brief reports, research protocols, commentaries and practice notes will be accepted.

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