

Special Issue

The Effect of COVID-19 on Youth Mental Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Mental health challenges are a leading contributor to childhood disability worldwide. Approximately 15% of youth have a mental health disorder, with documentation of more than half of these illnesses beginning before 14 years of age. When considering this time in terms of years lived with a disability, mental health disorders account for over a third of the patients' life, causing an approximate 13% decrease in life years due to premature mortality or living in a state of less-than-full health. Given these statistics, childhood mental health has become a global priority. Of growing concern is how the current pandemic has further impacted the mental health of children. Increasing evidence suggests that psychosocial factors associated with the continuing pandemic may be exacerbating mental health issues in youth worldwide. To address this timely and important topic, we welcome articles from across the globe that address how psychosocial factors related to COVID-19 may influence childhood mental health, specifically surrounding externalizing and internalizing disorders.

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