# Special Issue Disability and COVID-19

### Message from the Guest Editors

People living with disabilities have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, some individuals (referred to as 'long haulers') have acquired physical and emotional disabilities as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Some have faced additional challenges due to the nature of their disability whilst following recommendations to reduce the spread of the disease. Many pandemic-related restrictions were implemented without consulting members of the disabled community, and although there have been benefits, such as increased access to online services, this has also presented a challenge for those who require in-person services. Finally, people with disabilities living in residential care also experienced extreme physical and social isolation. The purpose of this Special Issue is to shed light on the intersections of disability and COVID-19. We hope these studies will ultimately improve the experiences of disabled people living through the current pandemic and future catastrophic events. We encourage and welcome submissions across a broad range of topics and study types.

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Disability is a multidimensional construct and is the product of complex and situational interactions between an individual's attributes and their environments. This broadens the perspective of disability and allows for the examination of individual, social, and environmental influences on functioning, disability, and ability occurring in historical and cultural settings.

Consequently, *Disabilities* is inclusive of all types of disability, across all ages and contexts. We particularly welcome articles from low- and middle- income countries and articles that are authored/co-authored by people with the lived experience of disabilities.

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