

## Special Issue

# Public Hygiene in the Limelight: Establishing Evidence-Based Hygiene Measures and Policy for Institutions and Medical Training

### Message from the Guest Editors

Upon the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, public health services and medical institutions were found to be largely ill equipped, and policymakers struggled to comprehend the extent and complexity of the crisis. Traditional measures, such as contact tracing, border closures, quarantines, and large-scale lockdowns, were implemented; however, the response revealed significant health inequities within a heterogeneous population concerning SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Consequently, effectively addressing the evidence-based hygiene and health literacy issues faced by modern societies requires interdisciplinary, integrated, and holistic approaches to public hygiene and guidance when establishing public health measures and policies. The Special Issue will invite a wide range of submissions, including the following:

- Infectious disease, epidemiology, and prevention;
- The pandemic spatial mapping and modelling of health data.

Topics including qualitative, mixed, quantitative, and applied, empirical, or conceptual research approaches are welcomed. They may address issues concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other health outcomes.

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### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

The global burden of healthcare-associated infections remains an issue. The increase in the incidence of antibiotic resistance may result in the development of novel concepts to control the transmission of multi-resistant pathogens in various fields. Antiseptic tolerance towards some biocidal agents used for disinfection is being found more and more in selected bacterial species. It is therefore important to carefully balance the expected health benefits of specific hygiene measures against the likely risks and consequences associated with their implementation. I very much hope that this journal can contribute substantial knowledge on the various different aspects of hygiene. The Editorial Board Members and myself cordially invite you to share your latest findings by submitting original research and review articles as well as proposals for Special Issues.

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