

Special Issue

Public Health Consequences of Social Isolation and Loneliness

Message from the Guest Editors

Loneliness carries a significant social stigma, as a lack of friendship and social ties are socially undesirable, and social perceptions of lonely people are generally unfavorable. Lonely people often have very negative self-perceptions, believing that the inability to establish social ties is due to personal inadequacies or socially undesirable attributes. The effect of loneliness on public health is obvious and validated by numerous studies.

The negative effects of loneliness may include physical illness, emotional issues, and even mortality. Such are the serious effects of loneliness. This Special Issue aims to address loneliness, its causes, and potential intervention strategies and explore how it is related to and impacts public health. While research papers are welcome, we would also like to encourage submissions of review articles and meta-analyses. Manuscripts may be submitted by researchers in the following disciplines: psychology, philosophy, public health, sociology, social work, nursing, and medicine, to name just a few.

Guest Editors

Dr. Ami Rokach

Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3, Canada

David Berman

Department of Psychology, York University (HTC), Toronto, ON M3J 1P3, Canada

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (30 June 2025)



International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/128394

*International Journal of
Environmental Research and
Public Health*
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
ijerph@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
ijerph](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph)





International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/
ijerph](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Scientific discoveries and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a rational basis for informed decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards.

IJERPH provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality peer-reviewed journal.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Paul B. Tchounwou
RCMI Center for Urban Health Disparities Research and Innovation,
Richard N. Dixon Research Center, Morgan State University, Baltimore,
MD 21251, USA

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, PubMed, MEDLINE, PMC, Embase, GEOBASE, CAPus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

CiteScore - Q1 (Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health)