

## Special Issue

# COVID-19 and Health Inequities: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions

### Message from the Guest Editors

The Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has revealed societal vulnerabilities on a global level. COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths have disproportionately affected low-income and marginalized communities, in part through chronic medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and kidney, cardiovascular, and chronic lung diseases and in part through a global structure of inequity. The Special Issue of IJERPH entitled “COVID-19 and Health Inequities: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions” aims to capture many of the exciting investigations spanning clinical, community-engaged, and policy research around COVID-19 and health inequities. We invite investigators to contribute original research (empirical and theoretical) and systematic reviews that will further broaden the understanding of the cultural, economic, political, and social factors that contribute to, or may decrease COVID-19-related health disparities.

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