Special Issue

Substance Use, Treatment, and Harms during COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editors

The global COVID-19 pandemic has posed major challenges to communities and the public health sector for more than a year now. During the pandemic, an evergrowing body of research has demonstrated both increases and decreases in substance use. While changes in substance use behavior are increasingly well understood, there is a paucity of research on the implications for substance treatment and attributable harms. In this special issue on "Substance Use, Treatment, and Harms during COVID-19", we call for papers examining how substance use and treatment as well as attributable harms have changed with the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers addressing this subject and aim to bring together different perspectives on substance use. health care provision, and substance-attributable harm. This includes both qualitative and quantitative approaches examining changes in substance use, treatment provision, as well as community and policy responses during COVID-19. Submission of articles focussing on high-risk and marginalized communities that have been most severely hit by the pandemic are particularly appreciated.

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