

Special Issue

Religion and Public Health during the Time of COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editors

Many dimensions of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its amelioration have been well discussed in the literature—basic and applied scientific research, public health and public policy challenges, legal issues, the psycho-social dimensions of ongoing health risk and the treatment of the ill and dying, financial issues, fiscal policy, and national security issues. To date, however, there has been scant attention given to the thorny moral issues presented by COVID-19 in connection with the religious beliefs, mores, history, practices, and communal identity in assessing and evaluating responses to the pandemic. Our goal in this Special Issue of *Religions* is to address this gap in the literature, and to reveal how important—indeed, definitive—such beliefs and practices are (and should be) to stakeholders and policy makers, and to those afflicted by this pandemic. To this end, we propose to explore the ways in which such beliefs inform the analysis of these many dimensions of COVID-19, mentioned above.

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