

Special Issue

Social Work and COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue addresses the role of the profession of social work and its place as an essential front-line discipline largely hidden from view behind other health professionals. Social workers across different countries have been actively engaged with crisis interventions, and the provision of ongoing social support as individuals and families have been thrown into rolling periods of lockdown and social isolation, with an increasing need for mental health services and economic assistance. For this Special Issue, we are seeking both empirical papers of social work activities and interventions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Papers could include research on how social work has responded to complex health issues; social work as a frontline, essential service; social work as a political activity and advocacy role; social work with children, families, and older people and social work responses to increased mental health crises/domestic and family violence/homelessness/unemployment/social isolation and exclusion. Papers would also be welcome on social work service shifts to online delivery as a response to COVID-19 lockdowns and the implications for effectiveness and outcomes.

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