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Post-Pandemic Challenges: Endemic COVID-19, Vaccine Hesitancy, and Viral Resurgence

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This Special Issue focuses on post-pandemic challenges, particularly those highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The primary challenge involves managing a virus that may become endemic, requiring a balanced approach to assess its risks amidst other respiratory pathogens. The potential trajectory of COVID-19 is crucial, enabling a retrospective evaluation of the shift to endemicity, public health measures, and lessons learned regarding policy lag and resource allocation. Vaccine hesitancy, a broader pandemic consequence, poses another challenge. Rooted in misinformation, trust erosion, or both, this issue demands rigorous investigation. Finally, the interconnected world faces viral rebounds. Pandemic restrictions effectively suppressed viruses, but lifting them led to unexpected resurgences among populations with reduced immunity. This Special Issue delves into these challenges and their implications.

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