# **Special Issue**

# Advancing the Science on Vaccine Hesitancy to Inform Interventions

# Message from the Guest Editors

The uptake of routinely recommended vaccines is suboptimal among some population subgroups in the U.S. A low vaccine uptake can be due to a variety of factors, including barriers to access, lack of trust in institutions, concerns about vaccine safety and efficacy, sociocultural factors, and religious or philosophical beliefs. While evidence-based interventions to promote the uptake of routine child and adult vaccinations exist. stagnating (or declining) rates of vaccine uptake among some groups suggests that new strategies may be needed to prepare the population for advances in vaccine technology and the inevitable next pandemic. This Special Issue will include papers that propose new or adapted conceptual frameworks, measures to assess vaccine hesitancy, qualitative and/or quantitative studies that advance our understanding of what is currently known, and studies evaluating the effectiveness or feasibility of new public health strategies.

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