

Special Issue

Vaccine Hesitancy and Acceptance: A Public Health Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will examine what drives vaccine hesitancy and what is essential for developing effective public health strategies related to vaccines, as well as evaluate vaccine hesitancy on public health outcomes such as vaccine-preventable diseases and lowered herd immunity. This issue will also address disparities in vaccine acceptance and assess the importance of communication in vaccine hesitancy. It will also explore approaches for improving vaccine acceptance. Its additional aims are identifying and promoting interventions that increase vaccine acceptance in the public health framework. Additionally, it will address vaccine uptake among marginalized populations and the importance of access to vaccines.

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