Joint Call for Papers

Global Health Promotion and Health Promotion International

On Health Promotion Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic

Global Health Promotion (GHP), the official journal of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) and Health Promotion International (HPI) the ‘thought journal’ of the global health promotion movement would like to invite contributions on health promotion perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Coronaviruses are part of a family of viruses that come from animals and that are known to cause respiratory illness in humans. On March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Now present in almost every country, COVID-19 is fundamentally disrupting health, economic and social systems. This pandemic has also challenged prevailing myths about privileging economic growth. The importance of tackling the inequitable distribution of power, wealth and resources therefore needs to be front and centre as countries deal with COVID19 and its health and health system repercussions.

While most are expected to experience mild symptoms from this infectious disease vulnerable people including older adults and those living with underlying chronic health conditions are at greater risk. People living and working in conditions of vulnerability are expected to suffer disproportionately. These include but are not limited to precarious workers, migrants, people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, Indigenous communities and other marginalized peoples and communities who are already systemically oppressed and stigmatized because of their race, dis/ability, gender, sexual orientation or other socially determined circumstance. Feelings of fear, distress and anxiety fueled by the pandemic and its economic and social consequences are affecting individuals, families and communities across the globe, and can also result in more long term mental health impacts.

The pandemic is calling on public, private and non-state actors to respond with innovative and timely solutions. Health systems are also being challenged including the many health workers on the frontline of the pandemic. How is the health promotion community affected by and responding to this unprecedented global challenge? With this context in mind, we are inviting scholarly original papers under the theme of “Health Promotion Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic”.

About this Joint Call for Papers

The main objective is to encourage the contextualization, development and exchange of health promotion perspectives on COVID-19. These perspectives should be informed by efforts in research, education, policy and practice settings across low-, middle- and high-income countries.
We are interested in papers on how health promotion evidence, approaches and strategies are being integrated in global, country, agency and community level responses (or the lack of), and lessons learned to date that may in turn inform future preparedness efforts. Examples include but are not limited to the following topics: How are country level universal health coverage and social protection measures responding to the pandemic, with particular emphasis on health promotion strategies? What are the potential unintended consequences of different interventions being deployed in health and other sectors on health and social equity? What are the differential impacts of policy and program interventions within and outside the health sector on different groups, communities and regions by age, gender, race, ability, education, sexual orientation, employment sector, etc.? What are examples of promising community-led (e.g. Indigenous-led) approaches in the face of the pandemic? What novel models of governance are being established to strengthen global coordination during the pandemic, and to what extent are they being informed by health promoting and health equity principles or not? What are examples of how misinformation is undermining the efforts of public health officials to communicate evidence-based information during a pandemic? How are cross-border measures affecting different vulnerable populations and regions?

Abstract Format and Guidelines

A 300-word abstract of your scholarly paper should be sent to ghp@iuhpe.org by 15 April 2020. Abstracts will be reviewed for relevance to the overall call and each journal by the editors. Authors of selected abstracts will be asked to submit their full papers for peer review to Global Health Promotion or Health Promotion International via their online platforms. Highly relevant contributions may be considered after the deadline.

Being invited to submit a paper is not a guarantee of eventual publication – the Peer Reviewers and the Editorial Team will ultimately select the papers to be accepted based on relevance to the overall theme and one or more sub-themes for this call for papers, relevance to either journal, as well as the quality of scholarship.

Global Health Promotion and Health Promotion International will accept either articles or commentaries. Global Health Promotion will accept submission in its 3 publication languages: English, French and Spanish.

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