

Call for Reviews and Policy Briefs

COVID-19: Guidance from research for policy and practice

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PHR invites Reviews and Policy Briefs on

- How health systems can effectively respond to challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- How learnings of the pandemic may inform the planning and implementation of public health and healthcare policies beyond COVID-19.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, health systems are under high pressure of a magnitude never seen before on such a global simultaneous scale. Evidence on how to handle this pandemic has been limited and new issues that require specific policies and control strategies are continuously and quickly emerging. Such issues range from delays or disruptions in medical care, insufficient resources for public health and medical personal, weak communication strategies, absence of coherent testing and tracking strategies, insufficient production and supply chains for treatments and vaccines, to a systematic lack of programs that address increasing mental health issues, to name just a few. Further, new experiences and knowledge collected throughout the different stages of the pandemic are influencing health systems' current as well as future planning of healthcare with possible consequences that go beyond COVID-19. In this dynamic and uncertain context, many decision makers in policy or practice are further challenged by the quickly growing body of research that is being produced on COVID-19, its repercussions and future implications. Guidance from science on how to navigate the evidence is urgently needed. In light of this, this call collects evidence syntheses and evidence-informed options and recommendations for action to support decision makers.

We welcome Reviews and Policy Briefs that are providing evidence-informed guidance to tackle the public health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The call accepts a wide range of Review formats that use systematic literature search. Policy Briefs should highlight the context of the issue, the area of policy, and provide options and recommendations for action and possible implementation steps.

Submission: The Call is open for continuous submission from March 20, 2021 until July 30, 2022. Please [submit online](#). Before submitting your manuscript, please make yourself familiar with the Article Processing Charges ([APC](#)), the PHR article types and double-blind peer review rules, and make sure that your manuscript fully complies with all PHR rules.

We will compile a special issue with all contributions that have been accepted by September 15, 2021.

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We look forward to your manuscript!