

Public Health Emergencies: A Special Issue for the Journal Public Health

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Public Health is an international, multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal. It publishes original research papers, reviews (up to 3000 words in length) and short reports (up to 1500 words) on all aspects of the science, philosophy and practice of public health. It is aimed at all public health practitioners and researchers, and those who manage and deliver public health services and systems. It is also of interest to anyone involved in the provision of public health programmes, the care of populations or communities and those who contribute to public health systems in any way.

The special issue welcomes submissions from across the spectrum of public health emergency and disaster management, including emergency planning and preparedness, public health responses to emergencies and disasters, recovery from disasters, as well as mitigation and preventative public health actions.

Through a mix of commissioned articles and a dedicated call for papers, we seek submissions that cover original research and reviews across a diversity of topics, including, but not limited to: intervention studies; programme evaluation; longitudinal studies; applied public health; methods development; health humanities; and topical papers (e.g. linked to current crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic). Areas of relevance include leadership and mentorship in emergencies, workforce considerations (including mental health and wellbeing aspects), health system response, recovery management, systems integration, disaster epidemiology, population behavioural aspects, social science and public health policy for emergencies. The breadth of topics may include infectious disease threats, disasters, as well as anthropogenic hazards, including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

Our aim is to publish rigorous original research, scoping reviews and systematic reviews, meta-analyses, short reports and methodologies addressing public health issues and research in the context of public health emergencies. We seek high-quality contributions from across a wide range of disciplines, including health, humanities and social sciences, that will appeal to an international audience of public health practitioners and researchers, those who manage and deliver public health services and systems, educators, policy makers, and those developing, delivering and researching public health emergencies.

Articles reporting original research questions that generate new and impactful knowledge on the contribution of public health in emergencies through health promotion, response, recovery and prevention, or evaluation of regional, national or international programmes or interventions in emergencies relevant to public health will be prioritised. We are especially interested in articles that are solutions-focused, drawing on the learning from public health emergencies and are able to make application from theory to practice.

Further information about submission requirements can be found at <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/public-health>. Authors should select the 'SI: Public Health Emergencies' article type when uploading their article. For any additional information, please contact the Editorial Office: publichealth@rsph.org.uk

The deadline for submission to the special issue is 30 September 2022.