Journal of Public Health in the Deep South  
Call for Submissions for a Special Issue  
COVID19 in the Deep South and the All of Us Research Hub

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The Mississippi Public Health Association (MPHA), in partnership with Mississippi State University (MSU), initiated the Journal of Public Health in the Deep South (JPHDS) in 2018 with the intention to publish one issue annually. Two issues have been published since that time; one in 2019 and another in 2020.

The process is open now through December 31, 2021, for submissions for consideration in a dual-focused special issue with emphases on 1) COVID19 in the Deep South or 2) analyses from the All of Us Research Hub.

The JPHDS is a peer-reviewed, open-access, online journal focused on disseminating high-quality research and/or effective applied techniques to academicians, educators, and practitioners. The JPHDS is the first publication to specifically focus on public health issues in this geographical space and with an appeal to both research and applied public health professionals and educators with emphases on research, practice, and teaching. The JPHDS is the official journal of MPHA and is hosted by MSU.

Special Issue Focus Areas

Since the COVID19 pandemic in 2020-2021, many public health issues have emerged. The Deep South has experienced the same spectrum of issues related to the pandemic as the rest of the country. However, given the unique issues facing the Deep South such as health disparities, a history of racism, low education status, low economic status, rurality, and more, a retrospective review of the COVID19 challenges, successes, lessons learned and implications for the future should be published in one single location so as to inform the future. Given the enormous significance of this pandemic and therefore its implications for future similar public health threats and hazards, an issue of this type will be very powerful in both documenting the experiences and in informing and advising future public health policy and practice.
A section in this issue will also focus on the All of Us Research Program in the southern region of the United States. Those articles should be focused as follows:

- Articles describing research based on MS and/or southern regional data compared to national data from the All of Us Research hub
- Articles connecting the disparities associated with COVID19 and the delta variant and the need for more All of Us type of research to better understand disparities in our populations
- Commentaries from All of Us Research leaders or providers in the state or region
- Articles describing the need for the type of research that the All of Us research program can address

Articles for this special issue can include:

- Research or scientific manuscripts in full or brief reports
- Case studies
- Stories from the field
- Commentaries and editorials

**Submission Process**

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