

Special Issue of the International Journal of Home Economics

This is a Special Issue of IJHE, dedicated to the topic *Rapid response and lockdown learnings—Home economics, the global pandemic 2020, and beyond*. In June 2020 in IJHE Issue 13(1) there was a call to authors to submit papers for this Special Issue. Below is a segment of the Call for Papers:

The effects of the pandemic have been felt globally. Typical responses to control the impact and spread of the virus have included closure of shops, transport systems and borders; handwashing campaigns; modification to schooling; home confinement; and new social and physical distancing boundaries. Regional approaches have differed greatly, as has the goal, such as “flattening the curve”, while others have made policy decisions with a view to achieve “herd immunity”, and in some cases, confusing mixed messages with little specific or sustained policy implementation. The true consequences of COVID-19 may not be known for years to come.

The IJHE Editor, Professor Donna Pendergast, along with guest co-editor Dr Jay Deagon, welcome contributions from members and non-members about all aspects of home economics and consumer studies. It will particularly focus on innovation and good practice, supported by an evidence base, in one or more of the phases of response—crisis, adaptation and opportunity—in addressing issues of relevance to the field, including, but not limited to:

- Food and nutrition—access, choice, affordability, quality, kitchen gardens and safety of food
- Equity and access, opportunities and barriers
- Home economics education
- Mental health and wellbeing for individuals, families and communities
- Habits and habitats—behaviour and attitude change

We are pleased to share with you 14 papers that have successfully achieved full peer review in this Special Issue. This collection of papers provides an insight into the profession of home economics at a time of unprecedented impact in our world.

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