



Call for Papers:
Special Issue, International Journal of Home Economics

**Theme - Rapid response and lockdown learnings:
Home economics, the global pandemic 2020, and beyond**

On 2 June 2020 - at the time of writing this Call for Papers – there have been: 6,361,612 Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases with 377,150 deaths, and 2,900,072 recoveries recorded in 216 countries (Worldometer, 2020). This data is regarded as a very modest estimation of the actual number of cases since the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

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; hand washing 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.

During an event such as this unprecedented pandemic, it is an important moment to capture current reactions, responses and research. According to Harris & Dakin (2020), it is imperative to ensure rapid innovation is underpinned by quality principles and features careful evaluation to enable “organisations to capture and evaluate these learnings: to identify what has worked, what has utility going forward, and what could or should be discarded” (p.3). Phases of response are typically: crisis, adaptation, and opportunity.

Using these concepts as a lens for framing contributions, 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. All papers will be subject to a full peer review process consistent with the usual requirements for publication in IJHE. The focus of this Special Issue is: Rapid response and lockdown learnings: Home economics, the global pandemic 2020, and beyond. 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

In the first instance, please send an intention to submit a paper in the form of an abstract of 150 words plus 50 word biographies of each author by 1 December 2020 to the Editor. Please send complete manuscripts for peer review for the IJHE special issue to Professor Donna Pendergast, Editor e-mail at intjournalhomeconomics@gmail.com by **28th February 2021**.

References

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