Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for mixed methods research across virtually all disciplines and at all level of social institutions has never been clearer. Moreover, the complexity of the research triggered by the current pandemic, a century after the last of this magnitude, is precipitating unprecedented and creative applied approaches for responding to the crisis. Researchers of all disciplines need the latest research approaches to address this catastrophe. In this face of diversity lies opportunities for all walks of researchers to leverage the power of mixed methods research, and for the new applications of existing methodologies and creation of novel research methodologies for addressing a host of challenges in the healing sciences, education, business, health policy, political science, and the social sciences more broadly. Researchers who have developed novel methodologies in other contexts may have particular insights that are applicable now. The purpose of the Special Issue is to disseminate rapidly the novel applications and methodologies that have been triggered by the pandemic.

Details about submission and publication of the special issue

Manuscripts submitted for review will be fast-tracked for a quick review, revision, processing, and posting under a highly expedited timeframe. Authors should use the JMMR online submission link mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jmmr and note in the cover letter the paper is being submitted for consideration in the Special Issue on COVID-19 and Novel Mixed Methods Methodological Approaches During Catastrophic Social Changes. The closing date for submissions to the special issue will be September 30, 2020. Articles will be free to read upon publication and published in a print and online issue by the beginning of 2021. To expedite efficient processing of submissions, we encourage all authors, especially those new to JMMR and publishing mixed methods research methodology, to review carefully the recommendations for crafting effective MMR methodology manuscripts in the October 2019 editorial of JMMR. For overcoming this disastrous disruption, we look forward to the decidedly determined response by the mixed methods research community and methodologists to guide research for the present and future catastrophic events.