COVID-19: Pandemics Past and Present

A WHOLE NEW WORLD: NAVIGATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Find factual information about how COVID-19 has impacted public health, economics, society, and the world
- Access hundreds of Congressional Research Service (CRS) and Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports, updated regularly as this fluctuating situation evolves
- Discover a curated list of relevant scholarly articles and external links to supplement your COVID-19 research

About the Pandemic

2020 had barely begun when life as the world knew it was upended and redefined. Reports at the end of 2019 of a mysterious disease spreading rapidly through Wuhan, China made headlines in the United States, but were not met with alarm by the general American public. It was later determined that the disease now known as COVID-19 was caused by SARS-CoV-2, a coronavirus.

Its contagious nature has caused the disease to overwhelm hospitals, creating so many critically ill patients that hospitals have not had enough beds, supplies, and ventilators to support afflicted patients. Maintaining social distance and complying with state-issued orders to wear masks have become flashpoint political issues.

COVID-19 is a disease of a lifetime, a defining crisis for every man, woman, and child on Earth. But history has a long memory and a wide catalog of medical catastrophes humanity has endured. Commentators have often made a connection between COVID-19 and the influenza pandemic of 1918, also known as the Spanish flu. Caused by an H1N1 virus, the 1918 flu infected one-third of the world’s population within a two year period. Control and mitigation were limited to isolation, good personal hygiene, mask wearing, and limiting public gatherings—which were all as controversial in 1918 as they are in 2020. At the time of the creation of this database, there is no vaccine and no cure for COVID-19.
About the Database

As the world grapples with COVID-19, HeinOnline has launched **COVID-19: Pandemics Past and Present** to spread information.

Compiling together publications on the various ways COVID-19 has impacted every aspect of life, from testing issues, to stimulus payments, to the quest for a vaccine, this database organizes content on COVID-19 into the following areas of focus: Economic Impact, Global Impact, Health Care Impact, and Societal Impact, with an expanding selection of scholarly articles and links to take your learning beyond HeinOnline.

Importantly, this collection also features a subcollection dedicated to Past Pandemics, allowing researchers access to ways the federal government has responded to medical disasters of the past and how these previous pandemics inform today’s response. This database, much like our understanding of COVID-19, will continue to evolve over the coming months and years as new content is published and integrated with regular updates.

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