

## ***Public Performance & Management Review* Call for Papers on**

### **Beyond COVID-19: Public Management and Governance for a New Era**

Around the world, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is having devastating impacts on public health, the economy, and society. Facing such unprecedented challenges, all levels of government have implemented a wide range of policies targeting coronavirus mitigation and economic relief. Coping with COVID-19 demands intergovernmental and cross-sector collaboration on enforcing social distancing measures and coordinating medical resources. Furthermore, various forms of public-private partnerships contribute to the massive production of personal protection equipment, ventilators, and diagnostic test kits, and the development and widespread distribution of vaccines. To properly process the lessons learned from the various responses to COVID-19, it is necessary to reflect on what has and has not worked at the local, state, national, and international levels.

*Public Performance & Management Review (PPMR)* is a leading peer-reviewed academic journal that addresses a broad array of factors influencing the performance of public and nonprofit organizations. In recognition of the critical need to reexamine public management challenges and emergency management practices in the context of COVID-19, *PPMR* is organizing a special issue inviting submission of theoretical and empirical manuscripts that address the public management and governance implications of COVID-19. Example topics include (but are not limited to) the following issues:

- What public management lessons can be learned from national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic? In the long run, what should be done to build resilient administrative systems, including health care and emergency management systems, capable of coping with such a catastrophic crisis?
- What evidence can be drawn from various forms of international collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, cross-sector collaboration, and public-private partnerships in response to COVID-19? How can such evidence contribute to the development of theories on public management, intergovernmental relationships, collaborative governance, and disaster management?
- How can the effectiveness of mitigation policies be conceptualized and measured? What short- and long-term effects have the various national, state, and local mitigation policies produced?
- When politics interferes with science and public health, what factors contribute to effective crisis communication? How can evidence-based management be practiced?
- What are the implications of COVID-19 for leadership studies? How can we prepare future leaders who can more effectively address similar challenges?

#### **Timeline and Editorial Process:**

Manuscripts are due by July 15, 2021. The editorial team will ensure a speedy review process and plans to publish the special issue by December 2021. There is no strict word limit for the manuscripts. The usual length of articles in *PPMR* is approximately 8,000 words.

The manuscripts accepted for publication will be determined based on the feedback from peer reviewers, along with assessments made by the editorial team. The guest editors for this special issue include Qian Hu ([Qian.Hu@ucf.edu](mailto:Qian.Hu@ucf.edu)) from the University of Central Florida and Yihong Liu ([y.liu@ruc.edu.cn](mailto:y.liu@ruc.edu.cn)) from Renmin University of China.

Submissions for this special call should be made through the online submission system:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/mpmr20/current>. In your submission, please indicate that you would like your manuscript to be considered as part of the Special Call for Papers entitled “Beyond COVID-19: Public Management and Governance for a New Era”.