

COVID-19 Ethics: Health, Inequality, and Justice

A New Resource for Research, Practice, and Teaching

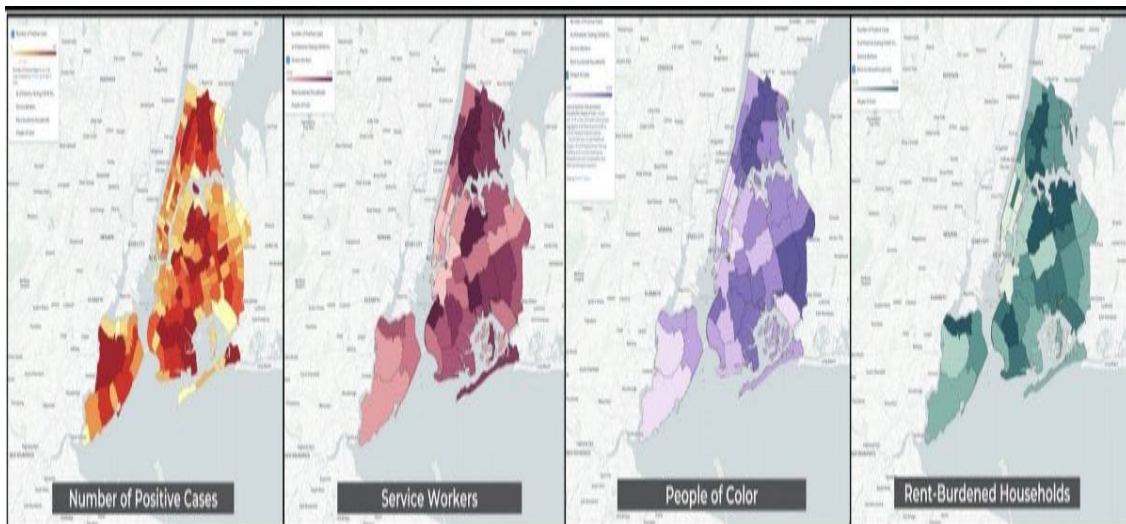


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Dear

Colleagues,

I'm writing to share an online resource created with colleagues in the Division of Ethics at Columbia University: [COVID-19 Ethics: Health, Inequality, and Justice](#).

We have built this site to marshal scholarly work in the social sciences and humanities that bears directly on ethical issues of equity and justice during the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that this resource, which will be updated routinely, will be used broadly in research, teaching, response, and action to reduce disparities in health, wealth, and perceived human worth.

Like the Division of Ethics, which is situated within Columbia's School of Medicine but works to create a bridge between the health sciences and anthropological, sociological, historical and other humanistic perspectives, we hope the site will help to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and scholarship as we confront COVID-19 and its impact.

The resource includes references published during the COVID-19 disaster that examine

the pandemic's unfolding in the [context of racism and other key social determinants](#) of health, critical perspectives on [resource allocation and triage justice](#), and previously published [social histories](#) that offer lessons on pandemics of the past. Colleagues in our department have also curated a list of [historical fiction](#)—from Shakespeare, to Shelley, to Camus—relevant to epidemics of the past. We are also posting links for upcoming [virtual events](#) and archiving videos from recent webinars and symposiums focused on the COVID-19 pandemic.

We invite you to visit the page and welcome your suggestions for events and further materials to include. Please contact us at mhe_ethics@cumc.columbia.edu.

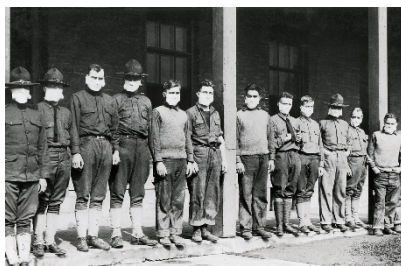
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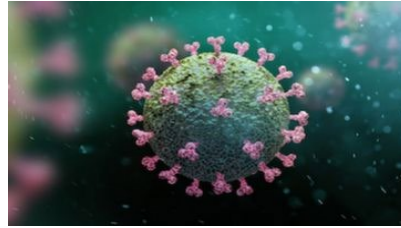
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