



Call for submissions

COVID-19 and the Food System

Submission Deadline: Anytime before September 30, 2020

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As the COVID-19 pandemic sweeps across the planet, community safety nets are being stretched to the breaking point and even snapping. Resilient food systems play a critical role in feeding some of our most vulnerable citizens—children, the working poor, and seniors—many of whom are now isolated and struggling to cope. Gardeners, growers, and farmers markets are struggling to open while maintaining social distancing. Even the mainstream food supply is threatened, as farmers who have been dealing with distortions in the global food system scramble to find and protect laborers who are the backbone of the food supply. We would like to share how the good food movement is responding to these issues.

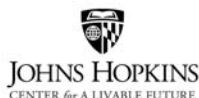
JAFSCD is calling for **four types of submissions** related to COVID-19 and the Food System:

THREE OPTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION:

- 1. Policy and Practice Briefs** (about 1,000 words, plus images or graphics) from agencies, organizations, markets, short supply chain actors, etc., that are focused on providing safe commercial food and emergency food assistance during the pandemic.
- 2. Voices from the Grassroots Essays** (up to 1,000 words plus jpgs) from front-line food and farm organizations. This is an opportunity for CBOs, NGOs, public agencies, and quasi-governmental entities to share their challenges, suggestions, needs, and innovations in the face of the pandemic.*
- 3. Commentaries** (up to 1,000 words) addressing issues related to food security, farm labor, food safety, and other topics.

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- 4. Peer-Reviewed Research Papers** (4,500 to 7,500 words) on a wide range of topics as described below. Collaborations that include nonprofit and academic co-authors are required. NOTE: In the interest of fast-tracking particularly timely information, some may be copy-edited and published as working papers, and then resubmitted for peer review.

Applied research papers (case studies, surveys, etc.) should examine the impacts on the food system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or considering future crises, revealing weaknesses of and opportunities for the system and informing strategic food system planning and public policy going forward.

Examples of topics include, but are not limited to, the effects and implications of COVID-19 on:

- Emergency food assistance programs' challenges and creative responses
- Food security of vulnerable populations
- Food system planning
- Direct marketing
- Food system governance
- Agriculture of the middle
- Supply chain vulnerability and/or opportunities
- Supporting self-provisioning efforts (home gardens, community gardens, etc.)
- Cooperative Extension and other NGO responses
- Agroecological responses

JAFSCD has mentors and consulting editors to assist new and ESL authors.

*** For details on Voices from the Grassroots submissions, contact voicesfromthegrassroots2020@gmail.com**

All other submission types: For questions, contact JAFSCD editor in chief Duncan Hilchey at duncan@lysoncenter.org. Do not send manuscripts directly; fill out the JAFSCD query form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jafscd-query>