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Communication and Health Security: Improving Public Health Communication in Response to Large-Scale Health Threats

A Special Feature in *Health Security*

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Effective communication is an essential tool in establishing an appropriate response to any large-scale health threat or disaster, such as a newly emerging infectious disease, terrorism, environmental catastrophe, or accident. Yet, public health communication is occurring in an increasingly complex world with competing messages, new platforms, and limited trust.

A special feature in *Health Security* will be devoted to analysis of the current communication environment and efforts to effectively communicate during outbreaks of infectious diseases and other health threats. The journal seeks papers that address the wide range of policy, practice, and research issues relevant to communication in large-scale health events.

Examples might include:

- exploration of the communication environment during recent infectious disease events or public health disasters;
- investigation of the role of social media and other emerging or recently emerged communication platforms;
- examination of the potential effects of communication efforts on public understanding during infectious disease events or public health disasters;
- new insights on the role of misinformation in communication;
- consideration of official communication strategies during a public health event;
- activity reports of response agencies' communication efforts during infectious disease events or public health disasters.

Articles on other aspects of communication and health security are also welcome.

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Information for authors: The special journal section devoted to communication and health security will be published in the May/June 2018 issue of **Health Security**. Scholarly and review articles, descriptions of practice, and opinion and commentary pieces are welcome. Manuscripts can be up to 5,000 words exclusive of the abstract, tables, figures, and references. Please consult the journal website for specific submission instructions (<http://www.liebertpub.com/manuscript/hs>).

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