



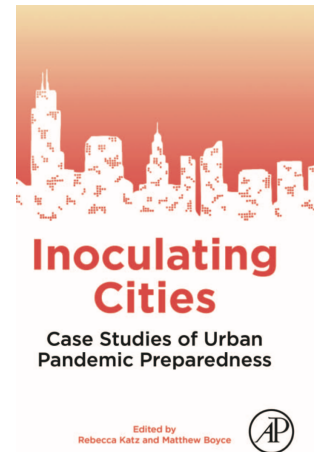
***Request for Proposals:  
Chapter on Urban Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic***

*February 2022*

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to announce that we will be editing a new volume of our book, *Inoculating Cities*, focused on the COVID-19 response. It is our pleasure to invite interested parties to submit proposals for chapters to be included in this new volume.

In February of 2019, we started an effort to publish a volume of case studies on various activities, models, and frameworks that were being used in cities around the world to prepare for infectious disease outbreaks and public health emergencies. We knew, in the event of a disease outbreak, urban leaders would be responsible for much of the management – such as quarantine, access to care, distribution of medical countermeasures, and first responders – but with limited guidance or best practices. Some two years later, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this volume, [\*Inoculating Cities: Case Studies of Urban Pandemic Preparedness\*](#) was published. While the importance of this work cannot be understated, there is a dire need for more to be written on urban preparedness and response given all that we have experienced and learned since the COVID-19 pandemic forever altered our world. Indeed, at a recent book launch event for the first volume, there was a clear call from the audience and authors for work to begin on an additional volume focused on the response to COVID-19.



It is within this context that we are soliciting proposals for chapters to be included in our upcoming publication, *Inoculating Cities, Volume II: Case Studies of the Urban Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic*. This book will present a collection of case studies that highlight innovative solutions used throughout the pandemic as described by the people who designed and implemented pandemic response efforts in their cities. This book will identify successful models that can be adopted in the future by urban authorities around the world and we anticipate it will be of interest to a broad audience of individuals working in public policy, public health, and academia.

We ask that interested parties submit chapter proposals by 31 March 2022. Authors will be notified of a decision by 15 April 2022 and the first draft of chapters will be due by 30 July 2022.

Thank you for your interest,

Rebecca Katz, PhD, MPH  
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Siobhan Robinson-Marshall

*Editors*



## ***VOLUME INFORMATION***

This volume will be a collection of case studies by local authorities, leading experts, and researchers on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in cities and urban environments around the world. Case studies will illuminate the wide range of activities and models used in cities as a means of highlighting innovative and successful approaches for urban pandemic response.

Each case study will consist of a brief overview of a city, the public health system, and the city's experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be followed by an in-depth description of the approach used by that city to successfully design and implement a pandemic response activity.

The volume will focus on the following pandemic response activities in urban environments:

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| (1) Contact tracing          | (5) Provision of services – clinical care, testing, vaccinations |
| (2) Quarantine and isolation | (6) Reaching vulnerable populations                              |
| (3) Surging the workforce    | (7) Local-level coordination                                     |
| (4) Risk communication       | (8) Other topics   |

We anticipate that chapters will be 8-12 pages, or approximately 5,000 words. Chapters may be based on previous works but should represent an original contribution to the literature. Other topics may focus on a variety of themes, including but not limited to: innovative financing models, mass gathering events, and collaboration with other cities or city networks.

Elsevier Inc. (50 Hampshire St., 5th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA) will publish the volume and maintain the right to make editorial changes as it deems necessary or advisable, provided such changes do not substantially change the meaning of the text.

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## ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS***

Interested individuals may submit chapter proposals via email to Mr. Matt Boyce ([Matt.Boyce@georgetown.edu](mailto:Matt.Boyce@georgetown.edu)).

All proposals should contain the following information:

- Author(s) name(s) and short bios (150 words or less)
- City and Country of focus
- Volume theme/pandemic response activity (see above; if Other topics, please specify)
- Chapter abstract (500 word limit)

## ***CONTACT DETAILS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

We would be delighted to answer any questions you might have. For more information, please visit <https://ghss.georgetown.edu/> or contact us directly via email at [Rebecca.Katz@georgetown.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Katz@georgetown.edu), [Matt.Boyce@georgetown.edu](mailto:Matt.Boyce@georgetown.edu), or [jr1902@georgetown.edu](mailto:jr1902@georgetown.edu).