

Editor's Note--January 2022

Hello and welcome to the (extremely) late Fall Issue of the Virginia Journal of Public Health. In addition to three all new public health manuscripts for your professional reading pleasure, we have a new Journal website, a new editor, a new associate editor, and a new policy forum for the new year.

Aligned with the core goal of the VPHA and the Journal to promote best public health policy and practice, two manuscripts share findings from two different Virginia populations regarding perspectives on knowledge and uptake of human papilloma virus vaccine. Both studies illuminate surprising predictors of knowledge and/or uptake of vaccine and point the way to advancing HPV vaccination for Virginians. And a third manuscript--applying findings from our Central Virginia International Family Medicine Clinic--illustrates barriers to U.S. citizenship, which turns out to be an important health achievement for refugees in this country. Finally, VPHA's own Ben Barber introduces an exploratory policy forum to which we hope to have ongoing contributions.

Surprisingly, there are NO coronavirus manuscripts in this issue (although the editor's infection is the reason for the delayed Fall issue), but we figure that everyone working on coronavirus is too busy to write just now. Speaking, however, of writing, the Spring issue (which, new variants notwithstanding, will be out on time) is open for manuscript submissions now. We especially welcome public health practitioner manuscripts to disseminate regional and best public health practices. If you're a practitioner and not a writer, email the Journal editors (below), let us help you find a co-author who loves to write, and let your much needed public health voice be heard. Letters to the Editor are also welcome and we will advance the ongoing discussion of these important issues and public health policy and practice in general.

One last note: thank you James Madison University Libraries, Librarians, staff, and most especially, Becca Kruse, Digital-Commons-Explainer-Extraordinaire, without whom the new Journal would not be possible. Thank you also Kim Baskette, VPHA Chair and Cheerleader; and Ben Barber, VPHA Chair and Cheerleader Elect. AND thank you 4VA Foundation for the mini-grant which pays the bills. It takes a village to raise a journal.

Welcome all and thank you for your patience,

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