Pandemic Resources for Teachers

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Ethics in the Pandemic: Teacher Resources

The COVID-19 pandemic is a threat to tens of millions of people, and the medical and public health priorities are clear: prevent the virus’ spread and care for those who are affected. But combating the disease also raises a host of ethical questions about medical triage and rationing care, politics and preventive measures, the integrity of medical research, medical misinformation, and more. Teachers have been thinking about these questions, and there are many good sources that offer accurate, timely information on the virus and attempts to deal with its ethical implications. Here are some of them:

Pandemic Facts and Official Reports from Professional Ethicists


https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethicalframeworkcovid19/.

The Hastings Center, “Pandemics: The Ethics of Mandatory and Voluntary Interventions,”
https://www.thehastingscenter.org/briefingbook/pandemic/.

Personal Ethics in the Pandemic


Havi Carel, Matthew Ratcliffe, and Tom Froese, “Reflecting on experiences of social distancing,” The Lancet, June 30, 2020. Thoughts on what we have gained and lost because of social distancing during the pandemic
Personal Ethics in the Pandemic (continued)

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7445817/


The Ethics of Allocating Tests, Treatment, and Vaccines

https://science.sciencemag.org/content/369/6509/1309

The Ethics of Allocating Tests, Treatment, and Vaccines (continued)


The Ethics of Misinformation in the Pandemic

The Ethics of Misinformation in the Pandemic (continued)


[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7315401](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7315401).


COVID-19 and Racial Inequities

Sandra Soo-Jin Lee, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, “COVID-19 Ethics: Health, Inequality, and Justice.” A site curating scholarly work in social sciences and humanities that pertains directly to ethical issues of equity and justice. 
COVID-19 and Racial Inequities (continued)


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