



# Special Edition - Australasian COVID-19 Virtual Conference

Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 December 2020  
Virtual Conference

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Preventing, detecting, controlling and managing COVID-19  
– reflections on 2020 and future challenges

### INVITATION

We invite abstract submissions for virtual presentations at the **Special Edition - Australasian COVID-19 Virtual Conference**, convened by the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases and the Public Health Association of Australia to be held virtually from Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 December 2020.

Conference Theme: 'Preventing, detecting, controlling and managing COVID-19 – reflections on 2020 and future challenges'

While COVID-19 unfolds as the biggest health crisis in a century, it is vital to take time out to review and share the experiences and lessons learned to date. We also aim to bring together the experts to think through the available science and discuss the next steps in pandemic and disease management and explore the best ways forward.

This conference is for those focused on the public health and clinical challenges of COVID-19, with an emphasis on seeking the best solutions among the uncertainty and promoting best practice in a fast-evolving emergency.

We hope that you can be a part of this vibrant scientific program for the conference by submitting abstracts on innovative work from the field for presentation in virtual presentations.

With these and many other issues to consider, we invite you to the Special Edition - Australasian COVID-19 Virtual Conference.

**Abstract submissions close on Sunday 27 September 2020, at 11:59pm AEST**

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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to the conference theme and sub-themes.

Papers that have a clear COVID19 focus will be considered and accepted in association with the Conference theme and outcomes of the presentation.

Abstracts submitted must clearly show how the virtual presentation will present key learnings and outcomes in association with the conference themes.

We encourage submitters to think about the story they are trying to relay, and how they will make the presentation dynamic to keep the audience engaged.

We encourage presentations on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health to be presented or co-presented with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person. We also encourage abstracts submitted to note if authors identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Presenters of research focusing on particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are to provide with their abstract an additional paragraph outlining whether the relevant community/ies have provided permission to publicise the research findings. An additional 50 word paragraph is permitted in addition to the 300 word maximum.

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the online facility on the Special Edition - Australasian COVID-19 Virtual Conference website. A manual abstract submission form has been also provided on the conference webpage.

Select the **Abstract Submission** tab and follow the prompts.

**It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.**

Online abstract document loading is completed via browsing your selected computer drive. Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for spelling and grammar prior to submission. Do not submit a version with 'track changes' active.

**All presenters must register at the time of confirming their acceptance presentation offer and pay the conference registration fee.**

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

We invite you to submit abstracts under the following session sub-themes (select all that apply):

- Epidemiology of COVID-19, locally and internationally
- Vaccines update
- Lessons learnt from responding to COVID-19
- Pandemic management strategies – best practice
- Diseases management update
- Impact on health systems in the future
- First Nations Australians leadership in COVID-19 response
- Cross disciplinary and cross-sectoral partnerships
- Emerging challenges and unintended consequences
- Immunity and immunopathology to SARS-CoV-2
- Viral genomics

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- Infection prevention and control in healthcare and other settings
- Attitudes, behaviours and community engagement in the COVID-19 response

## PRESENTATION TYPES

**Long Oral:** Presenters will pre-record their presentation, capped at 10 minutes each. Presentations will be uploaded to the virtual Conference site for participants to view on-demand. Long Oral presentations will not include Q&A.

**Rapid Fire (Short Oral):** Presenters will pre-record their presentation, capped at 6 minutes each. Presentations must contain no more than six (6) PowerPoint slides. Presentations will be uploaded to the virtual Conference site for participants to view on-demand. Rapid Fire presentations will not include Q&A.

**Conversation Starter Presentations (Interactive session):** Presenters will have the option to provide a one (1) page PDF document that will be uploaded to the virtual Conference site for participants to view on-demand. Presenters will also be required to attend their session at the nominated time to discuss their presentation with delegates and answer any questions. Delegates attending the presentations will have the option to ask questions via live audio or direct message to the presenter.

## ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- All intended presentations require the submission of an abstract. All abstracts will be subject to peer review.
- Refer to the online abstract submission form or manual abstract submission form for requirements.
- The abstract title should be no longer than 12 words.
- The abstract should be a maximum of 300 words in simple text paragraphs without images or tables.
- If there is more than one author, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.
- A maximum of two (2) abstracts may be submitted per presenting author. All abstracts must be original work and submitted in English.
- Abstract presenters must be able to provide a pre-recorded video of their presentation, guidelines will be provided, by the due date.
- Presenters must be registered to attend the conference in order for their presentation to be made available on demand.

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## MORE INFORMATION

For further information contact the PHAA Event Team on:

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