

The Post-COVID-19 - The Future of Public Health in Zimbabwe

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Abstract

The unprecedented moment that the history of humankind and the entire planet encountered has been projected to return in various forms and this requires preparedness and planning for their mitigation. Social media platforms have been singled out as perpetrators of COVID-19 infodemic. The future of public health and journalistic education is one critical area of concern. In line with the future of journalistic practices in post-COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, para-professional journalists should be trained so that they can partly identify and exhibit journalistic ethos. The advent of COVID-19 imposed new communication, socio-cultural, and public health practices. Governments and the World Health Organization came up with mitigatory measures for the prevention of COVID-19 that were cascaded down to the rural communities. Rural livelihoods' cultural occasions like funerals and nhimbos were shredded as they were interfered with when large gatherings were criminalized and made taboo.