Editors' Introduction

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Our world seems quite different in a relatively short period of time, given the pandemic and calls to action on social inequities. What seemed to be taken for granted such as meetings and convening together to discuss ideas, research and application at conferences are not viable beyond online or telephone based conversations now. This lack of meetings and conferences pales in comparison to the loss of lives throughout the world, and the crushing threat of illness or worse facing many populations. Communities' "being well" and being able to respond to threats while addressing underlying structural barriers to equity is paramount for us all to consider. Community well-being is taking on even more importance as an area of study and application.

Join us in exploring ways that can address both staying well and being well from illness and from social ills. We are asking for short commentaries to share with your colleagues via our online platform. See <https://www.springer.com/journal/42413> for examples as well as how to submit your own work. Commentaries will have editorial review.

This issue includes mostly work that was completed in pre-Covid times, with a few themes emerging around neighborhoods and gauging well-being in a variety of contexts. This issue is also special because we include our first commentary. We also have invited Dr. Robert Cummins, a luminary in the field of quality of life and well-being. He shares his thoughts on loneliness, an issue that is of utmost importance now with social and physical isolation being experienced by so many.

We look forward to exploring more with you soon on how communities are addressing well-being issues, opportunities, and challenges during this unprecedented time.

Be well, and we hope, as we all do, for better and more socially just times ahead.
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