

**North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association
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Call for Papers – Special Session(s)

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Regional Drivers, Effects, and Policy Responses

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The Coronavirus (COVID-19), first detected in China, is spreading around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO), national governments, and sub-national governments issue daily reports that include data on numbers number of people infected, infection rates, death rates etc.

On the one hand, from a medical perspective, critical questions arise regarding the development of vaccines, methods of diagnosis and treatment of patients. On the other hand, there are pressing socio-economic and public policy issues associated with the diffusion, monitoring and mitigation of Covid-19. These include Covid-19's geographic diffusion and resultant spatial patterns, the short- and long-term economic and social impacts, and the effectiveness of different public policy responses. Possible contributions to the special session(s) might include:

- Analytical papers on the impacts on regional and urban economies of Covid-19 and of the policies implemented to control the disease.
- Policy papers on the regional and urban impacts of alternative Covid-19 policies.
- Prospective papers on sustainable urbanization post Covid-19.
- Epidemic bio-economic models and methods.

If you are interested in presenting your research in this special session, please submit an abstract (2,000 to 5,500 characters and spaces) through the conference portal. Information on how to do that can be found [here](#). Upon submitting your abstract, you will receive an abstract ID number (e.g. P12345). Please send your abstract ID number and a copy of your abstract to Neil Reid (neil.reid@utoledo.edu) no later than **June 20, 2020**.

Depending upon the focus and composition of papers that are presented at the meetings, we will explore the possibility of a special issue of a journal or an edited volume with an academic publishing house.