"Housing Instability, Evictions, and Population Health Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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Unmet Medical Needs Among Adults Who Move due to Unaffordable Housing: Evidence from California

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergence of a housing affordability crisis in California threatened a growing number of families with residential displacement. Dr. Chen will present data from the California Health Interview Survey (2011-2017) showing that people who have moved because of unaffordable housing costs are at increased risk for not receiving the medical care and medications they need. These findings highlight an opportunity to improve population health during and after the pandemic by improving access to stable, affordable housing.

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Evictions, COVID-19 and mental distress: Quasi-experimental studies of state eviction moratoriums and population health during a pandemic

The COVID-19 economic crisis has rendered millions of U.S. households unable to pay rent, placing them at risk for eviction. Dr. Leifheit will present a set of studies leveraging variation in state eviction moratoriums to measure associations between evictions and 1) COVID-19 incidence and mortality and 2) population mental distress during the pandemic. Together, these studies illustrate a role for tenant protections in mitigating population health consequences of COVID-19.
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