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Annual Review of Public Health uses Subscribe to Open to publish 2020 volume open access
Pilot OA program generates widespread support from institutional subscribers

Palo Alto, CALIF. (April 2, 2020) — Nonprofit publisher Annual Reviews is pleased to announce that the 2020 volume of the [Annual Review of Public Health](https://annualreviews.org/toc/publhealth/current) (<https://annualreviews.org/toc/publhealth/current>) has been converted from gated to open access, with all articles published under a CC BY license. The back volumes, dating from 1980, are also freely available. The *Annual Review of Public Health* is the second of five journals included in a 2020 pilot program for Subscribe to Open; the *Annual Review of Cancer Biology* was [published open access using Subscribe to Open](#) on March 9, 2020. The status of the three other journals will be announced as they publish.

To support faculty and students with the rapid transition to online learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Annual Reviews [removed access control](#) to all 51 of its journals in the life, biomedical, physical, and social sciences on March 13, 2020. This arrangement will remain in place for as long as circumstances dictate. The journals published under the Subscribe to Open program will remain fully accessible beyond this emergency response.

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The Editor of the *Annual Review of Public Health*, Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Management and of Pediatrics in the Schools of Public Health and Medicine at The University of California, Los Angeles, said, "Making the 2020 volume of the *Annual Review of Public Health* open access introduces this highly respected and cited series to new audiences, including scholars and practitioners in low- and middle-income countries. I have no doubt that this broader access will contribute to enhanced population health."

Richard Gallagher, President and Editor-in-Chief of Annual Reviews, praised the collaborative relationship between the publisher and its subscriber base. "We share a common interest in full and free access to the scientific literature, and it is this that has made open access to the *Annual Review of Public Health* possible. The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the importance of this approach, as the contents of this journal are of intense interest to researchers, practitioners and leaders responding to the public health crisis."

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The three other journals in the pilot program, still to publish this year, are the *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*, and the *Annual Review of Nuclear and Particle Science*. The 2020 volume of the [Annual Review of Cancer Biology](#) was converted to open access using Subscribe to Open in March 2020.

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