ProQuest Coronavirus Research Database Q&A (updated 4/2/20)

What is the Coronavirus Research Database?

The Coronavirus Research Database is a collection of journal articles, preprints, conference proceedings, dissertations and more related to COVID-19 and other coronaviruses. It includes comprehensive research background coverage of past pandemics and epidemics, like MERS and SARS, to give researchers and students context around the current global crisis.

Why is ProQuest launching a Coronavirus Research Database?

ProQuest built this database in response to the rapidly growing need for authoritative content related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We’re working together with institutions all over the world to offer support as they navigate through the coronavirus pandemic, and this launch of the Coronavirus Research Database is the latest in a series of programs to help librarians, faculty and students.

What publishers are contributing content to this database?

The database aggregates open content from ProQuest with content made freely available by members of the International Association of STM Publishers. Notable publishers contributing to the Coronavirus Research Database include Public Library of Science, BioMed Central, MDPI AG, Springer Nature Publisher Group, Taylor & Francis and The BMJ. Preprint servers include arXiv.org and BioRxiv.

Who is eligible to access it?

The database is available at no cost and automatically enabled as of March 31, 2020 for all ProQuest platform customers and their users. It can be accessed at search.proquest.com/coronavirus or from the database drop-down list.
What is the cost to turn on the Coronavirus Research Database?

There is no cost to add this database to your existing library holdings.

What does my library have to do in order to get access?

Good news! The database will automatically be added to your library holdings.

Do I need to update my discovery service?

No additional steps are needed for your discovery service. The database will be indexed in Ex Libris discovery services soon.

I am not a ProQuest platform (search.proquest.com) customer. Am I able to provide access to my users?

At this time, the database is only available on the ProQuest platform and is a complementary add-on to other resources found there.

Is the list of resources going to be updated?

Yes. We’ll keep adding new content, including content provided by members of the International Association of STM Publishers.

Who should I ask if I have further questions?

Reach out to us anytime at support@proquest.com, and we’ll be happy to help.