Defining COVID-19: Lessons Learned from a Century of Pandemics

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• There are common patterns to the stories told as pandemics unfold.
• Amidst COVID-19, we found it crucial to identify and apply lessons from the behavior and spread of previous pandemics to gain insight into their interruption.
• We conducted a historical review of pandemics in the 20th century and compared their epidemiological aspects, as well as their social, environmental, and public health impacts.
• Our goal was to understand the biosocial influences on the rise and spread of pandemics to identify the most effective public health responses.

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