As there is currently much interest in the language relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* welcomes abstracts for a Special Issue on the theme of COVID-19. Articles which present clear innovation in, and implications for, corpus linguistics theory and methods are particularly welcome, though this is not essential. Studies can be based on data from any language, but articles should be written in English. We welcome proposals for full research articles (approximately 8,000 words in length) or short articles which introduce a tool or resource for corpus linguistic studies of COVID-19 (approximately 3-4,000 words).

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**Timetable for special issue:**

Abstract submission: 10th August 2020

Decisions on abstracts: 17th August 2020

Submission of full papers: 31st October 2020

Target submission date: Early 2021