COVID-19 tests, remdesivir, impact on notifiable diseases

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A comparative study on COVID-19 specimen types (nasopharyngeal swab vs saliva) [here](#)
- A final report on a randomised controlled trial of remdesivir [here](#) and a phase 3 trial comparing 5 and 10 day course of treatment [here](#)
- The effect of COVID-19 public health measures on notifiable diseases in Australia [here](#)
- Commentary on:
  - Challenges in creating herd immunity to COVID-19 by mass vaccination [here](#)
  - Triaging older adults with COVID-19 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in the US [here](#)
  - Historical insights on contact tracing and communication skills [here](#)
  - Community health workers addressing social determinants during COVID-19 [here](#)
  - Public health in India during COVID-19 [here](#)

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Comparison of self-collected versus healthcare worker COVID-19 specimen collection [here](#)
- Immunogenomic phases of COVID-19 and appropriate clinical management [here](#)

Reviews

- The Cochrane Library released a systematic review on interventions to support healthcare workers during and after a pandemic [here](#)

Guidance and reports

- The Australian Department of Health released its latest COVID-19 epidemiology report [here](#)
- The World Health Organization released COVID-19 interim guidance on
  - implementing and adjusting public health and social measures [here](#)
  - critical preparedness, readiness and response actions [here](#)

News and blogs

- Rapid coronavirus testing [here](#)