COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Reprocessing N95 respirators, satisfaction with telehealth, approaches to promote adherence to physical distancing

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on reprocessing N95 respirators for re-use <u>here</u>
- A revew on anaphylaxis to vaccinations <u>here</u>
- A statistical modelling study on weather variability and transmissibility of COVID-19 here
- Observational studies on:
 - Estimated transmissibility and impact of SARS-CoV-2 lineage B.1.1.7 in England here
 - The safety of new mRNA vaccines against COVID-19 in severe allergic patients here
 - A sequencing platform for high-throughput detection of SARS-CoV-2 here
 - SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission in London care homes <u>here</u>
- Surveys on:
 - The mental health of essential workers in Australia during COVID-19 here
 - o User and clinician satisfaction with telehealth during COVID-19 in Victoria here
- An editorial on rheumatology and COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - Equitable access to a COVID-19 vaccine via the international COVAX facility here
 - o Implementation of a saliva-based surveillance program in the US here
 - Revisiting initial COVID-19 pandemic projections <u>here</u>
 - NHS sickness absence during COVID-19 here
 - o COVID-19 contact tracing as an enduringly important public health tool here
 - o A potential future with recurrent SARS-CoV-2 seasonal infection here
 - The safety of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnancy here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Pregnant women's appetite for risk <u>here</u>
- An interactive website tracking COVID-19 vaccine development <u>here</u>
- Intersectional analyses to close gaps in outcomes and vaccination <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A RT-qPCR assay to distinguish B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent variant) from other SARS-CoV-2 lineages here
- A phase 1 trial on single dose, recombinant protein FINLAY FR 1A vaccine here
- A phase 2 trial of the NVX-CoV2373 (Novavax) vaccine against the B.1.351 (South African) variant here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - A synthesis of approaches to promote acceptance, uptake and adherence to physical distancing measures for COVID-19 prevention and control <u>here</u>
 - A report from the Technical Advisory Group on safe schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic <u>here</u>
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration released its COVID-19 vaccine weekly safety report #1 here

News and blogs

- COVID-19 mega-database, single-shot vaccine and Pfizer results here
- COVID-19 vaccination studies here

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New Living Evidence Table

A Living Evidence table on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u> has been added to those on <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern



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