# COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

# **Daily evidence digest**

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# Antidiabetic agents and mortality risk, durability of immunity against reinfection, navigating from SARS-CoV-2 elimination to endemicity

## Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
  - o Mortality risk associated with antidiabetic agents for type 2 diabetes and COVID-19 here
  - Seropositivity and safety of COVID-19 vaccines in cancer patients <u>here</u>
- A randomised controlled trial on airway pressure release ventilation in COVID-19 patients with acute respiratory failure <a href="here">here</a>
- A narrative review on the durability of immunity against reinfection by SARS-CoV-2 here
- Modelling studies on:
  - o Simulated surveillance testing and quarantine in vaccinated university students here
  - o Machine learning for early prediction of adverse outcomes for COVID-19 patients here
- Observational studies on:
  - Communication strategies for mitigating COVID-19 vaccine-specific hesitancy here
  - o Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine-induced responses in systemic lupus erythematosus here
  - o Performance of seven SARS-CoV-2 self-tests here
  - Association of children's physical activity and screen time with mental health during COVID-19 here
  - COVID-19 vaccine decision-making factors in racial and ethnic minority communities in Los Angeles here and associated commentary here
  - Effectiveness of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine up to 6 months in the US <u>here</u>
- An editorial on mass testing of university students for COVID-19 here
- Commentary on:
  - Navigating from SARS-CoV-2 elimination to endemicity in Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Singapore here
  - COVID-19's impact on evidence-based medicine <u>here</u>

# Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Update on remdesivir for adults with COVID-19 here
- Immunological responses to SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in kidney transplant recipients here



### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- An evaluation of the diagnostic accuracy of COVID-19 antigen tests here
- A randomised controlled trial of alteplase for respiratory failure in SARS-CoV-2 in COVID-19 (STARS) <a href="here">here</a>
- Real-world safety data for the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine here

## Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
  - o Its latest operational report on COVID-19 here and COVID-19 vaccine tracker here
  - A report on community centred approaches to health emergencies <u>here</u>
- A summary of the UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance on vaccine-induced immune thrombocytopenia and thrombosis <u>here</u>
- TGA advice on COVID-19 vaccines not registered in Australia but in current international use here

# News and blogs

- Complaints about UK politicians' use of statistics rise sharply here
- A new WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence <u>here</u>
- Molnupiravir reduces risk of hospital admission or death by 50% in patients at risk here
- Lancet investigation into origin of pandemic shuts down over bias risk here
- Vaccinating against COVID-19 and flu at same time is safe <u>here</u>

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#### **Living Evidence Tables**

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u>, SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19</u> (PASC), surgery and COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.



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