COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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The daily evidence digest collates recently released reports and evidence – provision of these links does not imply endorsement nor recommendation.

COVID-19 rapid diagnostics, aerosol generation from oxygen delivery systems, face mask leakage and facial features, paediatric vaccines

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A narrative review on COVID-19 rapid diagnostics <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - SARS-CoV-2 environmental contamination from hospitalised COVID-19 patients receiving aerosol-generating procedures <u>here</u>
 - Aerosol generation from oxygen delivery systems <u>here</u>
 - o Neutralising versus autoimmune antibodies in COVID-19 patients with obesity here
 - o Characterisation of non-adopters of COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical interventions here
 - Maternal SARS-CoV-2 infection and placental immune responses here
 - COVID-19 outcomes in patients with primary systemic vasculitis or polymyalgia rheumatica <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on face mask leakage and facial features here
- Commentary on:
 - o Paediatric COVID-19 vaccines here
 - o Digital drug and alcohol services post-COVID-19 here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- COVID-19 vaccine given to children with comorbidities in England here
- Antibody titres before and after a third dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine in 60-year-olds here

Guidance and reports

- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>
- The UK Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants here

News and blogs

- The UK's vaccine booster program <u>here</u>
- The US government sets 4 January deadline to vaccinate most US workers here
- Vaccine passports and COVID-19 passes as an alternative to lockdowns here

