COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Volatile organic compounds-based breath analysis, PPE litter, public health system requirements in Australia

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on volatile organic compounds-based breath analysis for COVID-19 screening here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Incentive lottery programs and uptake of COVID-19 vaccinations in the US here
 - Causal risk factors for severe COVID-19 here
 - o Personal protective equipment and COVID-19 related litter here
 - o Mucormycosis after COVID-19 in India here and associated commentary here
 - Salivary detection of COVID-19 by oral sponge sampling here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

• Omicron's spread tracked with molecular data here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Public health system requirements for ongoing COVID-19 management in Australia <u>here</u>
- Mortality and length of stay among hospitalised COVID-19 patients in Ontario and Québec here
- Insights on the mutational landscape of Omicron here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published updates on:
 - o SARS-CoV-2 and Omicron here
 - o Recommendations for the use of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine here and here

News and blogs

Covid restrictions tighten as Omicron cases double every two to three days in the UK here

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