# 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.

# Airborne transmission, PPE in the Emergency Department, frailty

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on airborne transmission of COVID-19 here
- · Simulation models on
  - The timing of and adherence to social distancing measures in the US <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
  - The impact of full and partial stay-at-home orders, face mask usage, and contact tracing on COVID-19 in Florida here
- An observational study on the evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak in Victoria here
- A nationwide survey on the association between PPE and COVID-19 infection risk in emergency department healthcare workers in the Netherlands <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
  - o The opportunity to accelerate reform in the NHS post-COVID-19 here
  - o The impact of COVID-19 on health democracy and patient associations here
- An editorial on preparing for the COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u>
- A case vignette on anticoagulation in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 here

### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Masks for prevention of COVID-19 in healthcare and community settings <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- The impact of COVID-19 on student placements in health services in northern Australia here
- An opportunity for tobacco use cessation post-COVID here
- Frailty and mortality in patients with COVID-19 <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> and author's reply <u>here</u>

## **Guidance and reports**

• The WHO released an update on the investigation of COVID-19 cases and clusters here

#### News and blogs

- The concept of "fatigue" in tackling COVID-19 here
- Plastic waste from PPE here
- Keeping UK hospital beds free in a second peak here
- Proceedings of a workshop on airborne transmission of COVID-19 <u>here</u>

