COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

20 November 2020

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

Mask effectiveness, pre-symptomatic detection using smartwatch data

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial on the effectiveness of adding a mask recommendation to other public health measures to prevent COVID-19 <u>here</u> and associated editorials <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- A randomised, phase 1/2 clinical trial on the safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity of CoronaVac an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 vaccine <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A comparative study of mid-turbinate and nasopharyngeal swabs for SARS-CoV-2 detection here
- A modelling study on the effectiveness of COVID-19 social-distancing strategies here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Cerebral micro-haemorrhage in COVID-19 here
 - o Pre-symptomatic detection of COVID-19 using smartwatch data here
- An editorial on reorganisation of the NHS after COVID-19 here
- Commentary on:
 - Perfusion imaging of the pulmonary vasculature after COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - o Clinical data from pneumonia patients for COVID-19 outcome prediction here

Pre-peer review articles discussed:

- Modelling studies on:
 - The effectiveness of regular universal screening for COVID-19 here
 - Optimising vaccine allocation to combat COVID-19 here
 - The effectiveness of second wave COVID-19 response strategies in Australia here
- A socio-ecological system framework to explain factors influencing control of COVID-19 here

News and blogs

- The COVID-19 response in the UK here
- What the data say about asymptomatic COVID infections <u>here</u>

Vaccines

 As of 18 November 2020, there are 212 vaccine candidates globally, with 43 vaccine candidates in human clinical trials <u>here</u>

