COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in hospital air, preoperative assessment decisions, viral load post-vaccination

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on SARS-CoV-2 transmission prevention in hospital air <u>here</u>
- A statistical modelling study on the depletion of healthcare workers and epidemic outcomes here
- A narrative review on preoperative assessment for scheduling surgery during COVID-19 here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Rapid decline of neutralising antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 in healthcare workers here
 - The Text4Hope program during COVID-19 in Canada here
 - The influence of winter on SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks here
- An editorial on a COVID-19 elimination strategy in Japan here
- Commentary on:
 - Why test and trace will fail in the UK without support for self-isolation here
 - o Remote consultations in prison mental healthcare in England here
 - o COVID-19 vaccination in pregnant and lactating women here and here and here
 - Variant-proof vaccine design here
 - o Global COVID-19 vaccine allocations here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- An observational study on decreases in SARS-CoV-2 viral load following vaccination with BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine) here
- An observational study on the neutralization of B.1.351 (South African variant) by antibodies elicited by SARS-CoV-2 infection and boosted by vaccination here
- A survey-based modelling study on patterns and long term prediction of COVID-19 prevention behaviour over time in Australia here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published guidance on:
 - The definition and categorisation of the timing mother-to-child transmission of SARS-CoV-2 here
 - o A legal and regulatory framework facilitating vaccine deployment here
 - o Assessing community needs, perceptions and demand in the context of COVID-19 here
- The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners published COVID-19 vaccine information for GPs here
- The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy released a position statement on allergy, immunodeficiency, autoimmunity and COVID-19 vaccination here and FAQs here

News and blogs

Research update on COVID-19 viruses and losing part of their genome <u>here</u>

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