COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 carriers, update on remdesivir, Pfizer vaccine response in recovered COVID-19 patients

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 carriers <u>here</u>
 - Remdesivir treatment (updated) <u>here</u> and associated practice points from the American College of Physicians here
- A retrospective study on the failure of non-invasive respiratory strategies in adults with COVID-19 here and associated commentary here
- Observational studies on:
 - Secondary infection rates in patients requiring ECMO here
 - SARS-CoV-2 transmission in day-care centres in France here
- A online population survey on PTSD symptoms in COVID-19 survivors in the UK here
- A single-centre survey on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among children's hospital staff here
- Commentary on:
 - SARS-CoV-2 vaccination and cancer clinical trials <u>here</u>
 - o Social isolation and loneliness imperatives for health care in post COVID-19 world here
 - o Experts offer advice to support confidence with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines here
- Editorials on:
 - o Growing backlog of planned surgery in England due to COVID-19 here
 - Lessons about pandemics from history here and here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

A SARS-CoV-2 mutation tracker, focusing on critical variants here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

 Immune responses to second dose of BNT162b2 mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech) vaccine among individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 infection here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published guidance on:
 - Conducting community engagement for COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u>
 - Acceptance and demand for COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u> and a communications plan template here
 - o Gathering and using data on the behavioural and social drivers of vaccination here
 - o 10 steps to community readiness for a COVID-19 vaccine, treatment or new test here

News and blogs

- Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in asymptomatic people <u>here</u>
- A guide on rapid coronavirus tests here
- A point of care test that turns a smartphone into a fluorescence microscope here

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