COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

16 March 2021

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

Serial interval and incubation period, surgery following COVID-19 infection, the impact of the vaccination program in Israel

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - The serial interval (time between the onset of symptoms in successive cases) and incubation period of COVID-19 here
 - Tele-ICU care and mortality and length of stay <u>here</u>
 - Delays to elective colorectal cancer surgery and implications for survival <u>here</u>
 - RT-PCR-based diagnosis of SARS-Cov-2 infection using specimens other than nasoand oro-pharyngeal swabs here
 - o An update to a living systematic review on interventions for treatment of COVID-19 here
- · Observational studies on:
 - The timing of surgery following SARS-CoV-2 infection <u>here</u>
 - Severity scores in COVID-19 pneumonia <u>here</u>
 - The impact of COVID-19 vaccine on asymptomatic infection here
 - The acceptability of trade-offs between economic and health outcomes during COVID-19 in Australia here
 - Infection fatality rate of COVID-19 as inferred from seroprevalence data here
 - Psychosocial impact of COVID-19 on cancer patients and carers in Australia <u>here</u>
 - o Prevention of COVID-19 in NSW prisons here
- A case report on prolonged SAS-CoV-2 viability in heart transplant recipients here
- Commentary on:
 - o The impact of a rapid national vaccination campaign in Israel here
 - Evaluating the long-term efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u>
 - o Tracing and testing transmissions to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks here
 - Sleep and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy here
 - Legal implications of denying access to care in COVID-19 in Australia <u>here</u>
 - o Interpreting and comparing estimates of efficacy in trials of COVID-19 vaccines here
 - Recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines in patients with kidney diseases here
 - A global viral surveillance network <u>here</u>
- An editorial on COVAX and global access to COVID-19 vaccines here



Letters and correspondence discussed:

Reflections from two Australian intensivists in Sweden during COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A potential SARS-CoV-2 variant of interest harbouring mutation E484K circulating in Brazil here
- Severe outcomes with SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) variant in England here
- Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 and B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) variant infections in healthcare workers here
- Materno-foetal transfer of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies after antenatal mRNA vaccination here
- Vaccine safety in patients with post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here
- Environmental drivers of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) variant in England here
- The immune response during lactation after mRNA vaccine here
- Weak anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody response after first dose of mRNA (Moderna) vaccine in kidney transplant recipients here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published its COVID-19 weekly epidemiological report here
- The Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools updated its rapid review on best practices for risk communication and mitigating risk behaviours <u>here</u>
- The Cochrane Library released:
 - A systematic review on the cardiovascular effects of COVID-19 here
 - o A special collection on evidence related to critical care here

News and blogs

- Equitable vaccine distribution around the world here
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) response to overseas reports of blood clots following AstraZeneca vaccination here

Click here to subscribe to the daily evidence digest.

Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on COVID-19 transmission, SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, and variants of concern.



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