## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# AstraZeneca vaccine efficacy against B.1.351 (South Africa) variant, ED presentations from Sydney quarantine hotels, reinfection rates

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial of AstraZeneca vaccine against B.1.351 (South Africa) variant <a href="here">here</a>
- Observational studies on:
  - SARS-CoV-2 reinfection rates in Denmark <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - Emergency department (ED) presentations from Sydney quarantine hotels during COVID-19 here
  - SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission in primary schools in England <u>here</u>
  - Myocardial SARS-CoV-2 infection, myocarditis, and cardiac inflammation in patients who died from COVID-19 here
- Commentary on:
  - o Disabled people and COVID-19 here
  - o High COVID-19 death rates in UK prisons here
  - COVID-19 vaccines and variants <u>here</u>
- A survey on early public adherence with 'stay at home' advice in the US and Australia here
- An editorial on domestic violence during the pandemic here

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Assessing the effect of COVID-19 on mental health in the general population here
- Sociodemographic indicators of COVID-19 testing among working-age Australians here
- Onset of erythema multiforme following the first BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccination <u>here</u>
- Acute onset supraclavicular lymphadenopathy after mRNA vaccine here
- Correspondence about a previously published article on microvascular disease in diabetes and severe COVID-19 outcomes <u>here</u> and authors' response <u>here</u>

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- An estimate of the level of neutralising antibody protective against COVID-19 here
- Associations of the BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccine effectiveness with age and comorbidities <u>here</u>



#### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization published guidance recommendations for the use of Ad26.COV2.S (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine <a href="here">here</a> and background document <a href="here">here</a>
- The Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology guidance on COVID-19 vaccine administration in people with allergies or immunocompromise <a href="here">here</a>
- Australia's Therapeutic Goods Adminstration (TGA) notes reports of anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) to AstraZeneca vaccine here

#### **News and blogs**

- A call for global vaccine equity <u>here</u>
- Seeing through the fog of post-acute COVID-19 syndrome <u>here</u>
- Innovators target vaccines for variants and shortages in the global South <u>here</u>
- The UK's Institute of Economic Affairs used COVID-19 to brief against the NHS here
- Health experts discuss vaccines, school openings and more <u>here</u>
- An interview with the former head of the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), about US efforts to control COVID-19 <a href="here">here</a>

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#### **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 <u>vaccine page</u> features a one-page 'In the news' summary on the suspension of AstraZeneca vaccine rollout in many countries, and the underlying evidence base.



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