COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 in family clusters, interventions to increase personal protective behaviours, Pfizer booster in AstraZeneca-primed participants

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on clinical characteristics of COVID-19 in family clusters <u>here</u>
- Rapid evidence reviews on:
 - Interventions to increase personal protective behaviours to limit the spread of respiratory viruses here
 - o Protease inhibitor lopinavir, boosted with ritonavir, as a treatment for COVID-19 here
 - COVID-19 vaccines in people who have had confirmed COVID-19 infection <u>here</u>
- Randomised controlled trials of:
 - Antiviral mouthwash as a barrier measure in SARS-CoV-2 transmission here
 - Pfizer vaccine booster in AstraZeneca-primed participants <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - Blood clots and bleeding events following Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines here
 - COVID-19 mRNA vaccine effectiveness in asymptomatic healthcare workers here
 - o Aspirating systems and COVID-19 transmission among dental healthcare workers here
 - o Pulmonary embolism in COVID-19 patients here
 - US trends in COVID-19–associated hospitalisation and mortality rates <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on ventilation rates in rooms with varying occupancy levels here
- An editorial on vaccinating undocumented migrants against COVID-19 here
- Commentary on dentists being the first to diagnose COVID-19 due to oral manifestations here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- What constitutes success in the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines? here
- The utility of mass SARS-CoV-2 testing of asymptomatic patients before procedures here
- The diversity of COVID-19 epidemiology and response in South Asia here
- Comparison of COVID-19 vaccine approvals at the US Food and Drug Administration, European Medicines Agency, and Health Canada <u>here</u>
- Immunogenicity of a single dose of Pfizer vaccine in chronic inflammatory arthritis patients here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- The effectiveness of face masks in blocking SARS-CoV-2 transmission here
- COVID-19 infection and subsequent psychiatric morbidity, sleep problems, and fatigue <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 dynamics in India and impact of the SARS-CoV-2 Delta (B.1.617.2) variant <u>here</u>
- Risk factors for post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - An update on the global COVID-19 vaccination strategy <u>here</u>
 - o The WHO SAGE roadmap for prioritising uses of COVID-19 vaccines here
 - The landscape of observational study designs on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination here
 - o Guidance on considerations for quarantine of contacts of COVID-19 cases here
 - Recommendations for national SARS-CoV-2 testing strategies and diagnostic capacities here
- The TGA granted provisional approval to the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Hunger spreads and food prices soar amid pandemic here
- US doctors suggest new ways to target vaccine hesitancy here
- "Winter in June" as EDs in the northern hemisphere see surges in young children with fever here
- Preventing airborne transmission here
- COVID-19 vaccine trials in low and middle-income countries here
- COVID-19 vaccine equity as a global good <u>here</u>
- Study of UK dental professionals reveal occupational risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection here

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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, and post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC).



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