

Daily evidence digest

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

In-hospital COVID-19 complications, high-risk groups for severe COVID-19 in NSW, outcomes in vaccinated patients hospitalised with Delta variant

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised trial of oral azithromycin in outpatients with COVID-19 symptoms [here](#)
- Observational studies on:
 - In-hospital complications associated with COVID-19 in the UK [here](#) and associated commentary [here](#)
 - High-risk groups for severe COVID-19 in NSW [here](#)
 - mRNA vaccination coverage and transmission in long-term care facilities [here](#)
 - Smartphone use in virtual student teaching and virtual ward rounds [here](#)

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- The gap between excess mortality and COVID-19 deaths in 67 countries [here](#)

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Clinical outcomes in vaccinated individuals hospitalised with Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 [here](#)
- Persistence of neutralising antibodies a year after SARS-CoV-2 infection [here](#)
- Quantifying SARS-CoV-2 transmission and lateral flow testing in secondary schools in England [here](#)

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization updated the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) roadmap for prioritising COVID-19 vaccines [here](#)

News and blogs

- A podcast on England's COVID-19 strategy and variants [here](#)
- Indonesia is Asia's new pandemic epicentre as Delta variant spreads [here](#)
- Face coverings and social distancing rules will continue in all healthcare settings in England [here](#)
- Describing herd immunity [here](#)