COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Evidence base of COVID-19 guidelines, outcomes of breakthrough infections, COVID-19 in Australian children

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Systematic reviews on:
 - o Scientific evidence and recommendations in guidelines for COVID-19 management here
 - o Corticosteroid use in COVID-19 here
- A narrative review of real world studies on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines here
- Observational studies on:
 - Outcomes in patients with breakthrough infections after vaccination here
 - o The durability of Moderna vaccine-induced antibodies here
 - Use of hydroxychloroquine, remdesivir, and dexamethasone in hospitalised COVID-19 adults in the US <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - o COVID-19 case age distribution here
 - o Risk of COVID-19 death among cancer patients here
 - The association between delayed neutralising antibody response and disease progression here
 - o Pfizer vaccination in previously infected and naive populations here
 - o The characteristics of SARS-CoV-2-positive children in Australia 2020 (PREDICT) here
- Editorials on:
 - o Profiteering from vaccine inequity here
 - A strategy for children in COVID-19 in Australia here
- Case series on Bell's palsy following Pfizer and CoronaVac (inactivated) vaccines here
- Commentary on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Australian hospitals here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- UK workers with occupational post-acute COVID-19 syndrome have been ignored here
- Intradermal COVID-19 vaccination <u>here</u>
- Southeast Asia as an emerging hotspot for COVID-19 here
- Background rates of hospital transfer and death in Australian aged care facilities here



Guidance and Reports

- The World Health Organization published a report on community-centred approaches to COVID-19 and other health emergencies <u>here</u>
- The Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools rapid review updates on:
 - What is known about the risk of COVID-19 transmission within post-secondary institutions and strategies to mitigate on-campus outbreaks <u>here</u>
 - What is the specific role of daycares and schools in COVID-19 transmission <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Cases in children rise sharply in the US as doctors call for vaccine approval here
- Children born during the pandemic score lower on cognitive tests here
- Two vaccine doses are crucial for protection against delta <u>here</u>

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Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u>, SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, and <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>.



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