COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Household transmission, door-to-door COVID-19 testing program, one year outcomes post-hospitalisation for COVID-19, waning immunity

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- An updated systematic review on factors associated with household SARS-CoV-2 transmission <u>here</u>
- A randomised controlled trial of awake prone positioning for COVID-19 acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure <u>here</u>
- · Observational studies on:
 - Evaluation of a community-based door-to-door COVID-19 testing program here
 - SARS-CoV-2 infection in children and adolescents with cancer <u>here</u>
 - One-year outcomes in hospital survivors with COVID-19 in Wuhan <u>here</u> and an associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - Resilience and personality as predictors of biological stress load <u>here</u>
- An editorial on strengthening international surveillance of vaccine safety <u>here</u>
- Commentary on how the pandemic Olympics affected Japan here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Safety and tolerability of the Pfizer vaccine in extremely vulnerable children aged 12–15 years here
- Validation of an at-home direct antigen rapid test for COVID-19 <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Lessons from the COVID-19 third wave in Canada <u>here</u>
- A survey on behavioural barriers to COVID-19 testing in Australia here
- A systematic review on the effectiveness of vaccination against symptomatic and asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection here
- The effectiveness of the World Health Organization-authorised COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u>
- Waning of Pfizer vaccine protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection in Qatar <u>here</u>
- Long-term immunogenicity of Pfizer vaccination in healthcare workers here
- Lambda and Delta variants vaccine escape <u>here</u>
- COVID-19-associated hospitalisations among adults aged 18+years in the US here
- Effectiveness of mRNA vaccines against COVID-19 hospitalisations and deaths in older adults here
- Qualitative research on implementation of rapid tests for hospital SARS-CoV-2 screening here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization updated its COVID-19 vaccine tracker here
- The Israeli government published nationwide studies on:
 - Waning immunity and the Pfizer vaccine here
 - Pfizer vaccine booster dose protection <u>here</u>

News and blogs

• The US COVID-19 origins report here

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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>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, and <u>rapid testing</u>.

