## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# Antibody and cellular therapies in treating COVID-19, visual summary of guidelines for COVID-19 treatment, mRNA vaccines

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Systematic reviews on:
  - o Antibody and cellular therapies for COVID-19 treatment here
  - Tocilizumab in patients hospitalised with COVID-19 pneumonia here
- A visual summary of the living WHO guideline on drugs for COVID-19 (updated) here
- A network meta-analysis on current medications for treating COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Commentary on mRNA vaccines <u>here</u>

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Saliva or nasopharyngeal swab specimens for SARS-CoV-2 detection here
- The trajectory of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and association of initial vaccine hesitancy with subsequent vaccination here
- Association between Medicare eligibility and excess deaths during COVID-19 in the US here

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- The importance of sustained compliance with physical distancing during vaccination rollout here
- Social contacts and transmission of COVID-19 in British Columbia <u>here</u>
- Evaluation of a new all in one SARS-CoV-2 antigen-detecting rapid diagnostic test and self-test here
- COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough infections in the US Veterans Health Administration here
- Neutralising efficacy of vaccines against the Mu variant <u>here</u>
- Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern here
- Prevalence and risk factors for in-school SARS-CoV-2 transmission in Massachusetts here
- Fitting the reproduction number from UK COVID-19 case data, and why it is close to 1 here
- The impact of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) design features on virus transmission including SARS-CoV-2 here
- Risk factors associated with development and persistence of post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here



#### **Guidance and reports**

• The World Health Organization released an update of its COVID-19 vaccine tracker here

#### **News and blogs**

- Winter infections forecast in the UK here
- Consent for COVID-19 vaccination in children 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>.

