COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Tocilizumab, consent for vaccination for children, transmission of Delta in a partially vaccinated population, TGA news on self-tests

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on beneficial and harmful outcomes of tocilizumab in severe COVID-19 here
- An observational study on age and sex dependency of COVID-19 deaths in 2020 here
- An editorial on clinical ethics relating to consent for vaccination in children <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - o Keeping clinicians in the workforce during COVID-19 here
 - COVID-19 and plastic pollution <u>here</u>
 - Social science implications for COVID-19 immunity documentation here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Characteristics of continuous oximetry measurement in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients here
- COVID-19 attack ratio among children in Ontario, Canada <u>here</u>
- Age-specific changes in virulence associated with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern here
- Modelling the transmission of the Delta variant in a partially vaccinated population here

News and blogs

- England sees the biggest fall in life expectancy since records began in wake of pandemic <u>here</u>
- TGA news on COVID-19 rapid antigen point-of-care and self-tests here
- New PPE mask range begins killing SARS-CoV-2 on contact <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>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, and <u>rapid testing</u>.

