COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 depressive and anxiety disorders, cannabidiol, mortality in people with mental disorders and intellectual disabilities during COVID-19

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on global prevalence and burden of depressive and anxiety disorders due to COVID-19 here and associated commentary here
- A randomised controlled trial on cannabidiol for mild to moderate COVID-19 patients here
- Observational studies on:
 - All-cause and cause-specific mortality in people with mental disorders and intellectual disabilities during COVID-19 in the UK here
 - Natural spring water gargle and direct RT-PCR for COVID-19 diagnosis here
 - Risks of SARS-CoV-2 infection among children and adults in Utah and New York <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- SARS-CoV-2 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in pre-schoolers and infants here
- D-dimer testing for the exclusion of pulmonary embolism in hospitalised COVID-19 patients here

Pre-peer review featured articles:

- COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness by product and timing in New York here
- The COVIDNearTerm method to forecast COVID-19 hospitalisations here
- Comprehensive antibody profiling of mRNA vaccination in children here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - Updates to its COVID-19 vaccine tracker <u>here</u>
 - o Articles in the Bulletin of the WHO on:
 - Pooled testing for SARS-CoV-2 here
 - Vaccine recommendations for pregnancy <u>here</u>
 - Violence against children during COVID-19 here



News and blogs

- Heart-inflammation risk from Cominarty (Pfizer) vaccine is very low <u>here</u>
- How antiviral pill molnupiravir shot ahead in the COVID-19 drug hunt here
- Nature podcast on the benefits of air filters and masks <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>, <u>rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies</u>.

