## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# Waning immunity and booster strategies, rapid antigen tests, SARS-CoV-2 infection in school-aged children

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- An observational study on SARS-CoV-2 infection among healthcare personnel and essential workers during a pre-vaccination COVID-19 surge in Arizona here
- · Commentary on:
  - o Colchicine treatment in COVID-19 here
  - Waning immunity to SARS-CoV-2 and vaccine booster strategies <u>here</u>
  - Infection or vaccination and lasting SARS-CoV-2 immunity <u>here</u>

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Assessment of cognitive function in patients after COVID-19 infection here
- Fertility rates and birth outcomes after Vaxzevria vaccination here

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Rapid antigen tests replacing RT-PCR tests for COVID-19 here
- SARS-CoV-2 infection among school-aged children and vaccine effectiveness against infection in adults in England here
- Booster vaccinations after Ad26.COV2.S (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine priming here
- Predictors of SARS-CoV-2 infection following high-risk exposure here
- Collateral positives of COVID-19 for culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Western Sydney <a href="here">here</a>
- Vaccination and the fifth wave of COVID-19 in Catalonia, Spain here
- Symptoms compatible with post-acute COVID syndrome in healthcare workers with and without SARS-CoV-2 infection here



#### **Guidance and reports**

- Updates from the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce including recommendations on prone positioning and information on ivermectin <u>here</u>
- The World Health Organization published:
  - o An updated COVID-19 vaccine tracker here
  - o An update on COVID-19 and health worker protection here
  - o Recommendations for use of CoronaVac (Sinovac) here and associated annexes here
  - Guidance on co-administration of seasonal inactivated influenza and COVID-19 vaccines here

#### **News and blogs**

• Ambulances queue outside A&Es in England 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>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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