COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 in Victoria, COVID-19 sequelae in cancer patient survivors, breakthrough infections

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Observational studies on:
 - o The epidemiological features of COVID-19 epidemics in Victoria here
 - o Prevalence and impact of COVID-19 sequelae in cancer patient survivors here
 - The early impact of the US COVID-19 vaccination program <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - SARS-CoV-2 antibody reactivity patterns elicited by natural infection and mRNA vaccination <u>here</u>
 - Potential global impacts of alternative dosing regimen and rollout options for Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) vaccine here
 - Correlation of SARS-CoV-2-breakthrough infections to time-from-vaccine <u>here</u>
 - Estimating the impact of virus testing strategies on the COVID-19 case fatality rate <u>here</u>
 - The association between mRNA vaccination, COVID-19 hospitalisation, and disease severity <u>here</u> and a linked editorial on breakthrough infections <u>here</u>
- An editorial on investing in good data for a strong pandemic response <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

 Disparities in use of video telemedicine in US patients with limited English proficiency during COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- The REACT-1 interim report on high and rising prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in England here
- Waning of the humoral response to SARS-CoV-2 in pregnancy here
- Downsizing of contact tracing during COVID-19 vaccine roll-out here
- Use cases for COVID-19 screening and surveillance with rapid antigen-detecting tests here
- A third dose of Sinovac (CoronaVac) or Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine in adults with two doses of Sinovac (CoronaVac) here



Guidance and reports

 The World Health Organization published guidance on planning for mass gatherings during COVID-19 here

News and blogs

- The UK becomes first country to authorise antiviral molnupiravir here
- US doctors begin administering vaccine to children aged 5-11 years here
- When masks most useful 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 and risk mitigation strategies</u>.

