COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Universal COVID-19 testing in Hong Kong, booster vaccination effectiveness, pulse oximetry remote monitoring

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Observational studies on:
 - o Universal community nucleic acid testing for COVID-19 in Hong Kong here
 - Short- and medium-term impacts of strict anti-contagion policies on non-COVID-19 mortality in China <u>here</u>
 - Odds of testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 following receipt of 3 vs 2 doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine here
 - Rapid antigen tests <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on identifying factors affecting hospital capacity and predicting future hospital demand in the US here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

• Neutralisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants induced by a next-generation protein vaccine V-01 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Immunogenicity and safety of COVID-19 boosters following CoronaVac or Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) primary series here
- Effectiveness of a third dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) or Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine for preventing post-vaccination COVID-19 infection here
- Impact of a pulse oximetry remote monitoring program on mortality and healthcare use in COVID-19 people England here

Guidance and reports

The World Health Organization published its weekly COVID-19 operational report here and vaccine tracker here

