## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# Long COVID-19 in children, outbreak preparedness in Australian aged care facilities, protection of vaccination and infection against Omicron and Delta

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review of randomised controlled trials of tocilizumab for COVID-19 here
- · Observational studies on:
  - Characteristics, outcomes, and risk factors associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in children in the US here
  - The effectiveness of alternative semester break schedules in reducing COVID-19 incidence on college campuses in the US <a href="here">here</a>
  - Development of SARS-CoV2 humoral response, and prevention of fatal infection <u>here</u>
  - Genomic epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 in a UK university <u>here</u> and under an elimination strategy in Hong Kong <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on allocation strategies of vaccines and antivirals in East Asia and Pacific here
- An editorial on long COVID-19 in children here
- Commentary on:
  - o Tracking COVID-19 infections here
  - o How the infodemic intoxicates public health surveillance here

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

 The risks and impact of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin-receptor blockers on SARS-CoV-2 infection in adults <a href="here">here</a>

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- COVID-19 outbreak preparedness and responses of Australian residential aged care facilities here
- Protection of COVID-19 vaccination and previous infection against Omicron BA.1 and Delta here
- Clinical severity and vaccine effectiveness for Omicron, Delta, and Alpha variants in the US here
- COVID-19 outbreaks in Australia during a period of high epidemic control, 2020 here
- Limitations of molecular and antigen test performance for SARS-CoV-2 in COVID-19 contacts here
- Neutralisation of the Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 variants here
- Increased household transmission and immune escape of Omicron compared to Delta variant here
- Detection of Omicron variant infection of white-tailed deer <u>here</u>



#### **Guidance and reports**

The World Health Organization released updates of its COVID-19 vaccine tracker <a href="here">here</a>, COVID-19 epidemiological report <a href="here">here</a>, and operational report <a href="here">here</a>

#### News and blogs

- An "holistic" approach to long COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose increases low antibodies 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</u> (PASC), surgery and COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.

