COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Treatment for COVID-19 or MIS-C in children, implementing digital health for global health security, ATAGI guide on Spikevax (Moderna) for children

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on potentially effective drugs for treating COVID-19 or MIS-C in children here
- A consensus statement on implementing digital health for future global health security during pandemics <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - Reported cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) aged 12–20 years who received a COVID-19 vaccine in US <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - Quarantine measures to prevent SARS-CoV-2 importation and transmission <u>here</u>
 - Population immunity and COVID-19 severity with Omicron variant in South Africa <u>here</u>
 - Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine against critical COVID-19 in adolescents <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - o Effect of COVID-19 vaccination on transmission of Alpha and Delta variants here
 - Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) and Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccines associated with major venous, arterial, or thrombocytopenic events in England <u>here</u>
- Editorials on:
 - o Ethnic differences in COVID-19 death rates in England and Wales here
 - Addressing COVID-19 vaccine inequity <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

 Uptake of third doses of COVID-19 vaccines in people with inflammatory bowel disease in Ontario, Canada <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Clinical severity of admitted hospital COVID-19 patients in the Omicron wave in South Africa here
- SARS-CoV-2 disinfection methods (including ozone machines) for children and young people in educational settings <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published guidance on the use of Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- The Australian Technical Advisory Group (ATAGI) published:
 - A guide on the use of Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine in children aged 6 to 11 years <u>here</u>
 - Latest updates following its weekly COVID-19 meeting <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Has COVID-19 has ended medical conferences? here
- Masks cut secondary SARS-CoV-2 infections by half <u>here</u>
- Will a rising Omicron variant scramble antibody treatments? here
- NEJM audio interview on understanding the Omicron variant 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</u> <u>COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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