# COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

# **Daily evidence digest**

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# Music therapy for hospitalised COVID-19 patients, sudden sensorineural hearing loss after COVID-19 vaccination, RATs for detecting infectiousness

## Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial of receptive music therapy for hospitalised COVID-19 patients <a href="here">here</a>
- Observational studies on:
  - Sudden sensorineural hearing loss after COVID-19 vaccination <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - o Evolution of resistance to COVID-19 vaccination with dynamic social distancing here
  - o SARS-CoV-2 antigen lateral flow tests (RATs) for detecting infectious people here
  - Detection of SARS-CoV-2 infection in the general population by three prevailing rapid antigen tests <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
  - o A global approach to understand the heterogeneity of vaccine responses here
  - o Self-testing for asymptomatic non-contacts using rapid antigen tests here

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Safety of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnancy (CANVAS) here
- Molnupiravir (MK-4482) against SARS-CoV-2 variants in the Syrian hamster COVID-19 model here

#### **Guidance and reports**

 The World Health Organization released an update on COVID-19 research and innovation in its response to the pandemic <u>here</u>

### **News and blogs**

- Boosting immunity to Omicron here
- The emergence of COVID-19 vaccine resistance depends on human choices here
- Omicron's lasting mysteries here
- Severe infection in pregnancy significantly increases risks <u>here</u>

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