COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Waning of viral load reduction post COVID-19 booster, Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 subvariants, co-infection with multiple variants

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on sofosbuvir-based treatment for COVID-19 patients here
- Observational studies on:
 - The waning of viral-load reduction following COVID-19 booster here
 - The indirect effect of mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccination on healthcare workers' unvaccinated household members <u>here</u>
 - o The effects of vitamin C in critically ill COVID-19 patients here
- An editorial on the scaling back of routine COVID-19 surveillance in the UK here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Generation times and reproduction numbers of Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 compared with Delta here
- Effects of BA.1 and BA.2 subvariants, vaccination, and prior infection on infectiousness of Omicron infections <u>here</u>
- Novel RT-qPCR assays for rapid detection and differentiation of Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 here
- Omicron infection in people with high titre neutralising antibodies post-3rd mRNA vaccine dose here
- The role of home rapid antigen testing to determine isolation period after SARS-CoV-2 infection here
- The association between COVID-19 vaccination rates and participation in a vaccine lottery here
- Machine learning methods to predict missed healthcare visits during COVID-19 here
- Vaccine breakthrough infection with Delta or Omicron (BA.1) variant and profiles of neutralising antibody responses <u>here</u>
- Co-infection during co-circulation of Delta and Omicron variants of concern in France here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published an update on addressing the challenges of SARS-CoV-2 variants for public health <u>here</u>
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>



News and blogs

- Massive trial shows COVID-19 rapid tests excel at detecting silent cases here
- 'COVID zero' regions struggle with vaccine complacency here
- How Omicron overtook Delta in three charts here
- A podcast on why stopping COVID-19 testing would be a mistake 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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