COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Tocilizumab, SARS-CoV-2 and changes in brain structure, long COVID evaluation, secondary attack rates of Omicron and Delta in Norway

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on tocilizumab in treating hospitalised COVID-19 adults <u>here</u>
- An observational study on SARS-CoV-2 associated changes in brain structure <u>here</u>
- Modelling studies on
 - Replacing quarantine of COVID-19 contacts with periodic testing to mitigate the risk of transmission here
 - The dispersion of droplets and drops carrying the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a railway transport coach here
 - COVID-19 control measures in mass gathering events with vaccine inequalities here
- Commentary on:
 - The sustained and multiplied disadvantage of long COVID (post-acute COVID-19 syndrome) <u>here</u>
 - Evaluation of post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (long COVID) here
- Ethics analysis on COVID-19 vaccine mandates and natural immunity exemptions here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Secondary attack rates of Omicron and Delta variants in Norwegian households <u>here</u>
- Antigen vs RT-PCR tests for screening quarantined students in Florida during the Delta surge here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization updated its living guidance on infection prevention and control in the context of COVID-19 here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>
- The Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools published a rapid review on changes to public health surveillance programs, systems, and strategies due to the COVID19 pandemic here
- The Cochrane Library published a systematic review on anticoagulants for people hospitalised with COVID-19 here



News and blogs

Scientists' views on COVID-19 restrictions being lifted <u>here</u>

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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 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.

