COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Excess mortality due to COVID-19, pulmonary rehabilitation for post-COVID-19, long COVID in children and adolescents

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - Estimating excess mortality due to COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - The effect of pulmonary rehabilitation for post-COVID-19 here and here
- A randomised controlled trial of CD24Fc therapy in hospitalised COVID-19 patients <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on COVID-19 vaccines in cancer patients here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Inflammatory burden and persistent CT lung abnormalities in COVID-19 patients here
 - o Deprivation and exposure to public activities during COVID-19 in England & Wales here
 - Impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on hospital presentations and admissions in the context of low community transmission in Melbourne <u>here</u>
- A case report of transmission of Delta variant from hamsters to humans <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

Optimising genome surveillance and tracing of SARS-CoV-2 variants here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome (long COVID) in children and adolescents here
- Evidence for Delta and Omicron co-infections and recombination <u>here</u>
- The REal-time assessment of community transmission-1 (REACT-1) in England here
- Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 seroneutralisation with anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies here
- Comparison of influenza and COVID-19-related hospitalisations in children under 18 in the US here
- Vaccine-induced antibody level and the clinical course of breakthrough infection of COVID-19 caused by Delta and Omicron variants <u>here</u>
- The changing impact of vaccines in COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Milder disease trajectory in COVID-19 patients hospitalised with Omicron compared with Delta in Norway <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on Omicron disease burden in Australia following border reopening here
- The impact of COVID-19 vaccination in children ages 5-11 years on COVID-19 burden and resilience to new variants in the US <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published a report on the safety monitoring of molnupiravir for treating mild to moderate COVID-19 infection in low and middle-income countries <u>here</u>
- The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Africa prepares for endemic COVID-19 here
- Hospital admissions rise as cases increase in over 55s in England <u>here</u>
- Global death toll may be three times higher than official records <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</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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