COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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The COVID Positive Pathway in Melbourne, non-pharmacological interventions, preparing for the next COVID-19 viral variant

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Observational studies on:
 - The COVID Positive Pathway involving public health agencies, primary care, and hospitals in Melbourne <u>here</u>
 - Association between metformin use and mortality in patients with COVID-19 and type 2 diabetes mellitus <u>here</u>
 - o A dataset of non-pharmaceutical interventions against SARS-CoV-2 in Europe here
 - Viral loads in deceased COVID-19 vaccinees <u>here</u>
 - The relationship between inflammation biomarkers and liver damage in COVID-19 inpatients <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on COVID-19 mortality as US states relax nonpharmacologic interventions <u>here</u>
- A consensus statement on long COVID (post-COVID-19 condition) in children here
- An editorial on preparing for the next COVID-19 viral variant <u>here</u>
- Commentary on research in the US on COVID-19's long-term effects here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- A Virtual Inpatient Diabetes Management Service developed in the wake of COVID-19 in NSW here
- SARS-CoV-2 infection rates and outcomes with Omicron and Delta in US children under 5 here
- Association between SARS-CoV-2 viral load in wastewater and reported cases, hospitalisations, and vaccinations in Milan <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against Omicron and Delta hospitalisation here
- Limiting in-school transmission in the face of variable SARS-CoV-2 viral loads here
- A "MixOmicron" hybrid undetected by qPCRs that screen for variants in routine diagnosis here
- Safety and immunogenicity of a reduced dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine (REDU-VAC) here
- A systematic review on myocarditis following COVID-19 vaccination here
- A randomised controlled trial of remdesivir for treating hospitalised COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Effect of vaccination rates on the prevalence and mortality of COVID-19 here



- Long-term psychological consequences of long COVID (post-acute COVID-19 syndrome) here
- Immunogenicity of Comirnaty (Pfizer) primary vaccination in recovered healthcare workers here
- Mass distribution of rapid antigen tests and SARS-CoV-2 prevalence in Michigan here
- A phase 3 randomised controlled study of camostat mesilate (FOY-305) for treating COVID-19 here
- Acute respiratory distress syndrome after SARS-CoV-2 infection on young adult population <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published an update of its COVID-19 vaccine tracker here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>

News and blogs

New initiatives to advance mRNA vaccine production in Africa here

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Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery</u> and <u>COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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