INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first weekly literature report from the Public Health England Behavioural Science Reference Cell. This report aims to capture a range of sources, from traditional academic papers, to news articles and podcasts, to provide a snapshot of the behavioural and social science work being conducted in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As this is the first edition it contains both current and slightly older articles to allow readers to get up to speed on behavioural science activity in response to COVID-19. Whilst many of the entries are discovered by the authors own searches and therefore do not represent fully comprehensive lists, in future editions we intend to top up the research papers lists with some systematic searches of relevant databases. We have also cross-checked these lists with the Public Health England daily COVID-19 Literature Digest and we are grateful to the work of that team.

If you have any suggestions for the context of the report, feedback on this mailing, or content for inclusion in future reports please email: WNCoV.behaviour@phe.gov.uk
**HIGHLIGHTS**

As we know how time pressured everyone is at the moment, the authors of the report have selected three recommended items from the lists below. This week these are:

1. ‘Effectiveness of isolation, testing, contact tracing and physical distancing on reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in different settings’, Adam Kucharski et al., CMMID Repository, 23\textsuperscript{rd} April 2020. [LINK](#)

2. ‘Behavioural science and disease prevention: Psychological guidance’, Guidance article from the BPS, 14\textsuperscript{th} April 2020. [LINK](#)

3. ‘The two psychologies and Coronavirus’, Stephen Reicher et al., The Psychologist article, 1\textsuperscript{st} April 2020. [LINK](#)

**RESEARCH PAPERS**

**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**

‘Communicating with patients and families about difficult matters: A rapid review in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic’, Stuart Ekberg et al., medRxiv preprint, 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Face masks to prevent community transmission of viral respiratory infections: A rapid evidence review using Bayesian analysis’, Olda Perski et al., Qeios Preprint, 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Strategic Thinking in a Pandemic: A Blueprint for Government-Led National Hygiene Communication Campaigns to Combat COVID-19’, Valerie Curtis et al., Preprints, 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Literature summary on vulnerable groups’ management and communication during COVID-19 epidemic’, Boris Bikbov, OSF-PREPRINTS, 28\textsuperscript{th} April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Comparing public policy implementation in Taiwan and Vietnam in the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak: a review’, Matias Acosta et al., SocARxIC Papers, 25\textsuperscript{th} April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Factors Affecting Mental Health of Health Care Workers During Coronavirus Disease Outbreaks: A Rapid Systematic Review’, Niels De Brier et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 24\textsuperscript{th} April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Compliance with COVID-19 Mitigation Measures in the United States’, Benjamin van Rooij et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 23\textsuperscript{rd} April 2020. [LINK](#)
‘Effectiveness of isolation, testing, contact tracing and physical distancing on reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in different settings’, Adam Kucharski et al., CMMID Repository, 23rd April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Predictors of Adherence to Home Quarantine During COVID-19 Crisis: The Case of Health Belief Model in Jordan’, Mohammed Qussay Al-Sabbagh et al., 23rd April 2020. [LINK](#)


‘How is Coronavirus Affecting Europeans’ lives’, Andreas Lieberothen al., 20th April 2020, OSF. [LINK](#)

‘Social network-based distancing strategies to flatten the COVID 19 curve in a post-lockdown world’, Per Block et al., arXiv Preprints, 15th April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Self-Isolation Compliance In The COVID-19 Era Influenced By Compensation: Findings From A Recent Survey In Israel’, Moran Bodas et al., 9th April 2020. [LINK](#)

**Published**


‘Using effective hand hygiene practice to prevent and control infection’, Mark Hillier, Nursing Standard, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘Recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Older Adults’, Nancy Morrow-Howell et al., Journal of Aging & Social Policy, 26th April 2020. LINK


‘A multinational, multicentre study on the psychological outcomes and associated physical symptoms amongst healthcare workers during COVID-19 outbreak’, Nicholas Chew et al., Brain, Behaviour, and Immunity, 21st April 2020. LINK

‘How to improve adherence with quarantine: Rapid review of the evidence’, Becca Webster et al., Public Health, 30th March 2020. LINK

‘The psychological impact of quarantine and how to reduce it: rapid review of the evidence’, Samantha Brooks et al., The Lancet, 26th February 2020. LINK

COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

‘Coronavirus Government Response Tracker’, Oxford University, updated regularly. LINK

‘Internal and External Effects of Social Distancing in a Pandemic’, Maryam Farboodi et al., Becker Friedman Institute, April 2020. LINK

‘Using Behavioural Science to Improve Hand Hygiene in Workplaces and Public Places’, Robert Murphy, Irish Department of Health, April 2020. LINK

‘Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain: April 2020’, ONS, 30th April 2020. LINK


* ‘Behavioural science and disease prevention: Psychological guidance’, Guidance article from the BPS, 14th April 2020. LINK

‘Open letter to the Uk Government regarding COVID-19’, 16th March 2020. LINK


**BLOGS**

‘Does COVID-19 need a different kind of journalism?’, Fiona Fox, Science Media Centre, 4th May 2020. LINK

‘Keeping our distance’, Holly Carter at al., The Psychologist article, 4th May 2020. LINK

‘Contact-tracing apps are not a solution to the COVID-19 crisis’, Ashkan Soltani et al., Brookings Institute, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘Internet-mediated Research’, Personal blog of Dr Linda Kaye, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘Science in inaction’, Jana Bacevic, LSE blog, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘Why the UK is complying by consent rather than compulsion’, Jonathan Jackson, LSE blog, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘In defence of the role of psychology in the coronavirus crisis’, Jonathan Breckon, KCL blog, 8th April 2020. LINK

‘What can we learn from previous outbreaks about hygiene promotion for COVID-19 response?’, Sian White, COVID-19 Hygiene Hub, 6th April 2020. LINK

‘What happens to hygiene behaviour in an outbreak scenario?’, Julie Watson, COVID-19 Hygiene Hub, 4th April 2020. LINK

‘Don’t touch the T-Zone—how to block a key pathway to infection with SARS-CoV-2’, Robert West et al., BMJ opinion piece, 3rd April 2020. LINK

* ‘The two psychologies and Coronavirus’, Stephen Reicher at al., The Psychologist article, 1st April 2020. LINK

‘Don’t trust the psychologists on coronavirus’, blog by Stuart Ritchie, 31st March 2020. LINK

‘How can we involve communities in managing the covid-19 pandemic?’, Lucy Yardley et al., BMJ opinion piece, 17th March 2020. LINK
‘Slowing down the covid-19 outbreak: changing behaviour by understanding it’, Susan Michie et al., BMJ opinion piece, 11th March 2020. [LINK](#)


‘Behavioural science must be at the heart of the public health response to covid-19’, Susan Michie, BMJ opinion piece, 28th February 2020. [LINK](#)

**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**

‘App-based contact tracing as a way out of the lockdown’, Johannes Abeler, broadcast 5th May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Work and Organisations’, webinar hosted by UC Dublin on the changing nature of work, free but registration required, broadcast 1st May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Crafting communication during a crisis’, BIT webinar, broadcast 29th April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘UK Science, Research and Technology Capability and Influence in Global Disease Outbreaks’, speakers include Susan Michie and Matthew Gould, Science and Technology Committee UK Parliament, 28th April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Research Comms: Fiona Fox COVID-19 Special’, podcast with Fiona Fox, 24th April 2020. [LINK](#)


BBC radio 4 ‘The Briefing Room’ on the psychological impact of COVID-19, first broadcast on 16th April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘In the middle of the Pandemic - can you get people to do anything you want?’, podcast with Stephen Reicher, 11th April 2020. [LINK](#)

**NEWSPAPER AND JOURNALISM ARTICLES**

‘Fearful Britons remain strongly opposed to lifting coronavirus lockdown’, The Observer article, 3rd May 2020. [LINK](#)

‘Three ways people are reacting to coronavirus: ‘accepting’, ‘suffering’ and ‘resisting’’, The Conversation article, 29th April 2020. [LINK](#)

‘The big nudge: here’s how the government could spread its coronavirus tracing app far, fast and wide’, Crikey article, 27th April 2020. [LINK](#)
‘Tracing app ’needs 60% take-up to be successful’, The Independent article, 27th April 2020. LINK

‘Nudge theory is a poor substitute for hard science in matters of life or death’, The Guardian opinion piece, 26th April 2020. LINK

‘In a post-pandemic world, collective action must still be valued’, The Observer article, 25th April 2020. LINK

‘COVID-19 Superspreader Events in 28 Countries: Critical Patterns and Lessons’, Jonathan Key, Quillette, 23rd April 2020. LINK

‘What social science can offer us in a time of Covid-19’, THE article, 18th April 2020. LINK

‘Crushing coronavirus means ‘breaking the habits of a lifetime’, AAAS Science article, 16th April 2020. LINK

‘No signs of lock-down fatigue in Ireland ... yet’, The Irish Times article, 2nd April 2020. LINK

‘The fear of coronavirus is changing our psychology’, BBC article, 2nd April 2020. LINK

‘People won’t get ’tired' of social distancing – the government is wrong to suggest otherwise’, The Guardian opinion piece, 16th March 2020. LINK