INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fourth weekly literature report from the Public Health England Behavioural Science Reference Cell. This report captures a range of COVID-19 related work in the field of Behavioural Science (mostly) released from the 22nd – 29th May. We have also cross-checked these lists with the Public Health England daily COVID-19 Literature Digest and Daily Alert Report and we are grateful to the work of those teams. The authors of this report do not accept responsibility for the availability, reliability or content of the items included in this report and do not necessarily endorse the views expressed within them.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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


RESEARCH PAPERS

Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

Promoting social distancing in a pandemic: Beyond the good intentions, Paolo Falco et al., OSF PrePrints, 25th May 2020.


Published


**COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE**

COVID-19: How to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement, Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Working Group, no date.

COVIDiSTRESS global survey, Andreas Lieberoth et al., Aarhus University, ongoing.

Video calls for reducing social isolation and loneliness in older people: a rapid review, Chris Noone et al., Cochrane Systematic Review, 21st May 2020.

**BLOGS**

Social capital and the response to Covid-19, Marco Felici, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge, no date.

Cyber vulnerability during the pandemic: Unpacking the psychology, Mark Sirkin, The Verdict, 26th May 2020.

Why the UK COVID Alert Level System will fail, Carina Fearnley, personal blog, 21st May 2020.


Using behavioural insights to respond to COVID-19, United Nations Development Programme, 7th May 2020.

Contact tracing apps: a behavioural economist’s guide to improving uptake, John Hawkins et al., The Conversation, 30th April 2020.


Here is why you might be feeling tired while on lockdown, Sarita Robinson et al., The Conversation, 6th April 2020.


PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS


Introducing the Ultimate Behavioral Science Playlist, Aline Holzwarth, Center for Advanced Hindsight, first playlist released 22nd May 2020, subsequent released weekly.
Don’t Touch Your Face, music video from Umault, YouTube, 9th April 2020.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM


Everyone wants to ‘follow the science’. But we can’t waste time on blame, Venki Ramakrishnan, The Observer, 24th May 2020.

Did the behavioural scientists have a point?, Rory Sutherland, The Spectator, 23rd May 2020.

Fight with pandemic puts renewed spotlight on behavioral science, AA news, 11th May 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS


Help fight COVID-19 with Iggy, Handwashing chatbot, a collaboration between Mahidol University and Oxford University, ongoing.