INTRODUCTION

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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Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)


The psychology and political orientation of social distancing compliance and attitude toward mask wearing during the COVID-19 outbreak in the US, Jiuqing Cheng, PsyArXiv Preprints, 14th August 2020.


Published


Strong organisational culture- an effective tool for companies to survive in a pandemic world, Nino Zarnadze et al., European Journal of Language and Literature, 15th August 2020.


Plans of US parents regarding school attendance for their children in the fall of 2020, Emily Kroshus et al., JAMA Paediatrics, 14th August 2020.

Job security and the promotion of worker's wellbeing in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic: a study with Canadian workers one to two weeks after the initiation of social distancing measures, Tyler Pacheco et al., International Journal of Wellbeing, 12th August 2020.


Commentaries, Statements, Position Papers, and Grey Literature


SPI-B: Consensus statement on local interventions, GOV.UK, 14th August 2020.
**BLOGS**

The important and elusive science behind safely reopening schools, Brian W. Simpson, Johns Hopkins, 14th August 2020.

Birkbeck study finds that the COVID-19 outbreak could have an adverse impact on the psychological health of women with breast cancer, Birkbeck University of London, 13th August 2020.

**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**


COVID-19 psychology contribution and lessons learnt, the British Psychological Society, 11th September 2020.


**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**


COVID-19 changed scientist’s research methods. Will this change science itself?, Anchal Khandelwal et al., The Wire, 18th August 2020.

Cellphone apps designed to track covid-19 spread struggle worldwide amid privacy concerns, Craig Timberg et al., The Washington Post, 18th August 2020.

Pandemic denial: why some people can’t accept COVID-19’s realities, Megan Marples, CNN, 16th August 2020.

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