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:


2. **New BPS guidelines to help increase adherence to self-isolation**, the British Psychological Society, 7\textsuperscript{th} September 2020.

3. **New research shows tracing apps can save lives at all levels of uptake**, University of Oxford, 3\textsuperscript{rd} September 2020.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

**Estimating the number of COVID-19 cases being introduced into the UK Higher Education institutions during Autumn 2020**, Francisco Perez-Reche et al., medRxiv, 10\textsuperscript{th} September 2020.

**Improving preventative health behaviours in the COVID-19 crisis: a messaging intervention in a large nationally representative sample**, Anne-Sophie Hacquin et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 4\textsuperscript{th} September 2020.

**Public acceptance of privacy-encroaching policies to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom**, Stephen Lewandowsky et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 4\textsuperscript{th} September 2020.

**Experiences, impacts and mental health functioning during a COVID-19 outbreak and lockdown: data from a diverse New York City sample of college students**, Teresa Lopez-Castro et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 4\textsuperscript{th} September 2020.

**National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic**, Jay Van Bavel et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 1\textsuperscript{st} September 2020.

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Knowledge, attitudes, practice of/towards COVID-19 preventative measures and symptoms: a cross sectional study during the exponential risk of the outbreak in Cameroon, Ngwewondo Adela et al., PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, 4th September 2020.


Predictors of the intention to maintain social distancing, Gabriel Horn Iwaya et al., Revista de Administração Pública, 28th August 2020.


COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

Fear and employment during the COVID pandemic: evidence from search behaviour in the EU, Wouter Van Der Wielen et al., Joint Research Centre, European Commission, 2020.

New BPS guidelines to help increase adherence to self-isolation, the British Psychological Society, 7th September 2020.

Addressing anxiety in the return to work following the Covid-19 pandemic, the British Psychological Society, 4th September 2020.


BLOGS

How behavioural science can help us understand human behaviour during a pandemic, Benjamin Voyer, The Conversation, 8th September 2020.

New research shows tracing apps can save lives at all levels of uptake, University of Oxford, 3rd September 2020.

PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS


Is it safe to reopen universities and colleges?, UCU, 1st September 2020.

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**


**MISCELLANEOUS**

WHO tool for behavioural insights on COVID-19, WHO, No Date.

How can I ask my friends to wear masks? Talking to friends, family, kids, and co-workers about COVID-19 safety, Lindsay Smith Rogers et al., Johns Hopkins, 26th August 2020.