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Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)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 effect of the definition of ‘pandemic’ on quantitative assessments of infectious disease outbreak risk, Benjamin J. Singer et al., medRxiv, 7th October 2020.

Socio-demographic predictors of adherence to coronavirus disease prescribed recommendations and lockdown psychological impacts: Perspectives of Nigerian social media users, Obasanjo Afolabi Bolarinwa et al., medRxiv, 6th October 2020.

Published


Commentaries, Statements, Position Papers, and Grey Literature

Effective communication strategies for COVID-19: research brief, Ontario Hospital Association, no date.

The importance of mental health and psychosocial support during COVID-19, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and International Committee of the Red Cross, 2020.


**BLOGS**

WaterAid's hygiene behaviour change response to COVID-19, WaterAid, October 2020.

Coronavirus: Is the cure worse than the disease? The most divisive question of 2020, Danny Dorling, The Conversation, 6th October 2020.


Sports safety and COVID-19, Katie Pearce, Johns Hopkins University, 30th September 2020.

**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**


**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**

"Instead of waiting for the pandemic to arrive, we started preparing actively", John Nkengasong, ABC News, Twitter, 6th October 2020.

Dispatches from the Behavioural Scientists Fighting Coronavirus in the Global South, Neela Saldanha et al., Behavioural Scientist, 5th October 2020.

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