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Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)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 effectiveness of eight nonpharmaceutical interventions against COVID-19 in 41 countries, Jan Markus Brauner et al., medRxiv, 14th October 2020.

Prioritisation of population groups with the most interactions for COVID-19 vaccination can substantially reduce total fatalities, Jorge Rodriguez et al., medRxiv, 14th October 2020.

Published


Susceptibility to misinformation about COVID-19 around the world, Jon Roozenbeek et al., Royal Society Open Science, 14th October 2020.


Narrative review of non-pharmaceutical behavioural measures for the prevention of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) based on the Health-EDRM framework, Emily Ying Yang Chan et al., British Medical Bulletin, 8th October 2020.


COVID-19 and psychological distress—changes in internet searches for mental health issues in New York during the pandemic, Stefan Stijelja et al., JAMA Internal Medicine, 5th October 2020.

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


Change in use of green and open space following COVID-19 lockdown ‘stay at home’ phase and initial easing of lockdown, Jonathan Olsen et al., S&SR Environment and Spaces Group, October 2020.


LUCID-B study: Interim report 4, University of Bristol, 10th August 2020.
UNCLASSIFIED

BLOGS

How can we support physical distancing in the office?, Alex Gyani et al., The Behavioural Insights Team, 13th October 2020.

How young people could play a part in a successful COVID-19 vaccination programme, Harriet Fisher, University of Bristol, 6th October 2020.

PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS

LGA behavioural insights podcast, Local Government Association, no date.

Policing the Pandemic – Findings from a 6-wave panel study, Institute for Global City Policing, UCL, 4th November 2020.


Planning for the Worst, Analysis, BBC Radio 4, 10th October 2020.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM


Much of what we think about Covid-19 is wrong. We need to change the conversation, Pete Lunn, The Irish Times, 10th October 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

Willis Research Network Events, Willis Research Network Events, no date.

#WearAMask, CDC, Twitter, 11th October 2020.

Go Viral! A 5-minute game that helps protect you against COVID-19 misinformation, Cambridge University, Twitter, 8th October 2020.