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Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)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 impact of local and national restrictions in response to COVID-19 on social contacts in the UK: a longitudinal natural experiment, Christopher Jarvis et al., CMMID Repository, 19th October 2020.


Published


Covid-19: Vaccine trials need more transparency to enable scrutiny and earn public trust, say experts, Elisabeth Mahase, BMJ, 22nd October 2020.
Investigating which behaviour change techniques work for whom in which contexts delivered by what means: Proposal for an international collaboratory of Centres for Understanding Behaviour Change (CUBiC), Christopher J. Armitage et al., British Journal of Health Psychology, 20th October 2020.

A global survey of potential acceptance of a COVID-19 vaccine, Jeffrey V. Lazarus et al., Nature Medicine, 20th October 2020.


It depends on how you ask: measuring bias in population surveys of compliance with COVID-19 public health guidance, Shane Timmons et al., Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, 16th October 2020.

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

Preventing covid-19 transmission within the household: recommendations to support household members. Sibyl Anthierens et al., RECOVER, October 2020.


Quarterly report on progress to address COVID-19 health inequalities, HM Government, 22nd October 2020.


Contact tracing for COVID-19 Forwards and backwards: an introduction, Nicola Low, University of Bern, 7th October 2020.
**BLOGS**

Perfection or participation? Approaching the design of a Covid-19 test & trace app, ELSE, no date.


NIHR issues guidance to ensure research protected in a 'second wave'. National Institute for Health Research, 12th October 2020.

**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**

COVID-19 briefing series: Chatham House global heath programme, Chatham House, no date.

Let’s talk COVID-19: historians, policy, and public health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 29th October 2020.

Funding environment during COVID-19, BESSI Webinar Series, 26th October 2020.

The role of the State in public health, Chris Whitty, Gresham College, 16th October 2020.

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**


Health experts’ Thanksgiving advice in the time of COVID19: plan, plan, plan, Helen Branswell, STAT, 16th October 2020.

To Solve COVID-19, We Need to See It for What It Is: A Configuration Crisis, Lee Anne Fennell, Behavioral Scientist, 12th October 2020.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Our work to help SAGE, Health Data Research UK, no date.

Social media toolkit, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 18th September 2020.