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Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

Persuasive messaging to encourage COVID-19 risk reduction, Scott Bokemper et al., Research Square, 28th October 2020.


Economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and public health measures: results from an anonymous online survey in Thailand, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, Italy and Slovenia, Anne Osterrieder et al., medRxiv, 27th October 2020.
Published

Risk perception and precautionary health behaviour toward COVID-19 among health professionals working in selected public university hospitals in Ethiopia, Shimelis Girma et al., PLOS ONE, 29th October 2020.

Exponential-growth prediction bias and compliance with safety measures related to COVID-19, Ritwik Banerjee et al., Social Science & Medicine, 28th October 2020.


The vital role of health psychology in the response to COVID-19, Madelynne A. Arden et al., British Journal of Health Psychology, 27th October 2020.


COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE


Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain, Tim Vizard, Office for National Statistics, 30th October 2020.


**BLOGS**


Why we’re all likely spreading misinformation, and how to stop. Elizabeth Weingarten et al., Behavioral Scientist, 27th October 2020.


**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND Recordings**


Values-Based behaviour under COVID-19 is the topic of a webinar promoted by FAPESP, EurekAlert, AAAs, 26th October 2020.

How can people preserve their mental health in the COVID era?. The Economist, 22nd October 2020.
A room, a bar and a classroom: how the coronavirus is spread through the air, Heather Galloway, Society, no date.