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:


3. **Applying the principles of behavioural science to reduce the spread of C-19**, The Yorkshire & Humber Behavioural Science Hub, 11th December 2020.

**RESEARCH PAPERS**

**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**


Social distancing: barriers to its implementation and how they can be overcome - a rapid systematic review, Mahan Sadjadi et al., medRxiv, 25th November 2020.

What have we learned so far about COVID-19 volunteering in the UK? A rapid review of the literature, Guanlan Mao et al., medRxiv, 23rd November 2020.

**Published**


Need for ethical framework to guide mass testing for asymptomatic COVID-19, Caitriona Cox et al., BMJ, 24th November 2020.


Trust, risk perception, and COVID-19 infections: Evidence from multilevel analyses of combined original dataset in China, Maoxin Ye et al., Social Sciences and Medicine, 10th November 2020.

COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE


Policy makers must act on incomplete evidence in responding to COVID-19, Karla Soares-Weiser et al., Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Cochrane Library, 20th November 2020.


BLOGS


COVID-19: controversial trial may actually show that masks protect the wearer, James M. Brophy, BMJ Opinion, 24th November 2020.

How many Britons are willing to take a coronavirus vaccine?, Adam McDonnell, YouGov, 16th November 2020.

PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS

Applying the principles of behavioural science to reduce the spread of C-19, The Yorkshire & Humber Behavioural Science Hub, 11th December 2020.

CIPD Coronavirus webinar series: In it for the long haul: supporting employee health and wellbeing, CIPD, 3rd December 2020.

Global, regional and national response to COVID-19: protecting and promoting mental health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 3rd December 2020.


NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM

Branding young people as ‘COVID delinquents’ is not helpful, Molly Byrne et al., The Irish Times, 23rd November 2020.


We need ‘horizontal’ trust to overcome vaccine scepticism, Shadim Hussain, Wired, 21st November 2020.


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