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**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**


- **Social patterning and stability of intention to accept a COVID-19 vaccine in Scotland: Will those most at risk accept a vaccine?**, Lynn Williams et al., medRxiv, 17th December 2020.

- **A rapid systematic review of public responses to health messages encouraging vaccination against infectious diseases in a pandemic or epidemic**, Sadie Lawes-Wickwar et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 16th December 2020.

- **“It makes you realise your own mortality.” A qualitative study on mental health of older adults in the UK during COVID-19**, Alison McKinlay et al., 16th December 2020.


Contacts and behaviours of university students during the COVID-19 pandemic at the start of the 2020/21 academic year, Emily Nixon et al., medRxiv, 11th December 2020.

Perceived risk and knowledge of COVID-2019 community transmission among local council leaders in rural districts of eastern Uganda, Abdul Walusansa et al., Research Square, 10th December 2020.

**Published**


Feasibility of continuous fever monitoring using wearable devices, Benjamin L. Smarr et al., Scientific Reports, 14th December 2020.

Behaviourally informed strategies for a national COVID-19 vaccine promotion program, Kevin G. Volpp et al., JAMA, 14th December 2020.


The time to act is now: pseudo-systematic review, Nathan Ford et al., BMJ, 10th December 2020.

COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE


Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain, Office National Statistics, 11th December 2020.

BLOGS


Behaviour experts recommend praise to encourage compliance with Covid-19 guidelines, Sheffield Hallam University, 15th December 2020.


14 Tips for winter holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic, Carisa Parrish et al., Johns Hopkins Medicine, 11th December 2020.

Bringing the latest data on COVID-19 all in one place, Ruth Studley, Office for National Statistics, 11th December 2020.

Call for action: managing the infodemic, WHO, 11th December 2020.
PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS

‘There is an enormous amount of disinformation...it's malicious and designed to create mistrust between authorities and citizens’, Times Radio, Twitter, 15th December 2020.

Behind the Numbers Podcasts speaks to Dr. Stevens from Cochrane Canada, Cochrane, 14th December 2020.

Christmas Special 2020 with Dame Louise Casey, Kings College London, Spotify, 14th December 2020.

Dementia: a change is gonna come, Sube Banerjee, 5x5x5, 5th November 2020.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM


Why paying people to be vaccinated could backfire, George Loewenstein et al., The New York Times, 14th December 2020.

How science beat the virus, Ed Yong, The Atlantic, 14th December 2020.


MISCELLANEOUS

Many of us will be seeing fewer people at Christmas than we’re used to and might be feeling lonely. We can see each other online, but why not share your thoughts and feelings by sending Christmas cards?, British Psychological Society, Twitter, 13th December 2020.