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. **Behavioural science and a post-COVID world**, LSE, 28th January 2021

**RESEARCH PAPERS**

**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**


Published


Philosophy for children and mindfulness during COVID-19: Results from a randomized cluster trial and impact on mental health in elementary school students, Catherine Malboeuf-Hurtubise et al., Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry, 22nd January 2021.

COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

Improving public service delivery in Uganda through behavioural science research, Nathalie E.J. Dijkman et al., SEMA, no date.


**BLOGS**

Going local with the COVID-19 vaccine, Cathy Coleman et al., The Behavioural Insights Team, 28th January 2021.


Mitigating the new variant SARS-CoV-2 virus: How to support public adherence to physical distancing, John Drury, University of Sussex, 25th January 2021.

Four things I learned about behaviour change during a pandemic from Katy Milkman and Jay Van Bavel, Evan Nesterak, Behavioural Scientist, 25th January 2021.

**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**


How behavioural science can make government more effective, Apolitical, 11th February 2021.

Behavioural science and a post-COVID world, LSE, 28th January 2021.

Thought-leading behaviour change mapping, UCL, 22nd January 2021.

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**

Covid-19 is spurring unprecedented collaboration among vaccine manufacturers, Katherine Ellen Foley, Quartz, 29th January 2021.
Vaccinated people are going to hug each other, Julia Marcus, The Atlantic, 27th January 2021.


**MISCELLANEOUS**

COVID-19 policy tracker 2020, Phoebe Dunn et al., The Health Foundation, no date.