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**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**

*Can virtual conferences promote social connection?*, Elizabeth Dunn et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 5th February 2021.

*A little shot of humility: intellectual humility predicts vaccination attitudes and intention to vaccinate against COVID-19*, Ho Huynh et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 5th February 2021.


Increasing but inadequate intention to receive COVID-19 vaccination over the first 50 days of impact of the more infectious variant and roll-out of vaccination in UK: indicators for public health messaging, Patrik Bachtiger et al., medRxiv, 1st February 2021.


Integrating operant and cognitive behavioural economics to inform infectious disease response: prevention, testing, and vaccination in the COVID-19 pandemic, Justin C. Strickland et al., medRxiv, 1st February 2021.


**Published**


Vulnerable populations and COVID-19: need for innovation and cooperation to address health and social needs, Yves Jackson et al., Revue Medicale Suisse, 3rd February 2021.

Here, but apart during COVID-19: bringing connection and empathy to the socially distant family meeting, Leah B. Rosenberg et al., Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2nd February 2021.


Developing an evidence-based online method of linking behaviour change techniques and theoretical mechanisms of action: a multiple methods study, Susan Michie et al., Health Services and Delivery Research, January 2021.


International collaboration and COVID-19: what are we doing and where are we going?, Jesse B. Bump et al., BMJ Analysis, 29th January 2021.


The relation of threat level and age with protective behaviour intentions during COVID-19 in Germany, Nadine C. Lages et al., Health Education and Behaviour, 29th January 2021.

Efficacy or delivery? An online Discrete Choice Experiment to explore preferences for COVID-19 vaccines in the UK, Robert McPhedran et al., Economics Letters, 29th January 2021.
COVID-19 pandemic and the social determinants of health, Lauren Paremoer et al., BMJ Analysis, 29th January 2021.


COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

COVID-19 recovery and resilience: what can health and care learn from other disasters?, The King’s Fund, 4th February 2021.


Application of physical distancing and fabric face coverings in mitigating the B117 variant SARS-CoV-2 virus in public, workplace and community settings, SAGE, 29th January 2021.

BLOGS

Stopping the next pandemic starts now, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus et al., Bloomberg Opinion, 3rd February 2021.

The five things to get right before the next pandemic, Robert Langreth, Bloomberg Businessweek, 3rd February 2021.


Five charts that reveal how remote working could change the UK, Jesse Matheson et al., The Conversation, 2nd February 2021.

COVID deniers’ precarious Jenga tower is collapsing on contact with reality, David Oliver, BMJ Opinion, 1st February 2021.
Belief in COVID19 conspiracies linked with vaccine hesitancy, King’s College London, 31st January 2021.

Germany may not give the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine to over-65s, but that doesn’t mean it won’t work, Paul Hunter, The Conversation, 29th January 2021.


PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS

Ask the Experts: Live discussion on COVID-19 with leading Sussex experts, University of Sussex, 4th March 2021.


Webinar series: Citizen Trust in 2021, Kantar, 4th February 2021


Dr Prag Moodley answers questions on the COVID-19 vaccine, Adult Care Services Hertfordshire County Council, YouTube, 1st February 2021.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM

How COVID-19 ended flu season before it started, Maggie Koerth, FiveThirtyEight, 4th February 2021.

The adoption of behavioural science by Biden is a good sign, Cass R. Sunstein, Mint, 3rd February 2021.


UNCLASSIFIED

WHO's COVID warnings were not heeded. Now the world has a new chance to beat the virus, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, The Guardian, 30th January 2021.

Everyday COVID mistakes we are all still making, Linda Geddes, The Guardian, 29th January 2021.


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