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:


2. Coronavirus conspiracy theories: how vaccine infertility rumours spread to the young, Tom Ball et al., The Times, 30th April 2021.


RESEARCH PAPERS

Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

"It all makes us feel together": Young people’s experiences of virtual group music-making during the Covid-19 pandemic, Maruša Levstek et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 4th May 2021.


Women’s views on accepting COVID-19 vaccination during and after pregnancy, and for their babies: A multi-methods study in the UK, Helen Skirrow et al., medRxiv, 3rd May 2021.


Pre-pandemic mental and physical health as predictors of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy: evidence from a UK-wide cohort study, G. David Batty et al., medRxiv, 30th April 2021.


Keeping one’s distance: Mask wearing is implicitly associated with psychological distance, Ramzi Fatfouta et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 26th April 2021.

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Overwhelmed by the news: A longitudinal study of prior trauma, posttraumatic stress disorder trajectories, and news watching during the COVID-19 pandemic, Zahava Solomon et al., Social Science and Medicine, June 2021.
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Co-producing knowledge in health and social care research: reflections on the challenges and ways to enable more equal relationships, Michelle Farr et al., Nature, 6th May 2021.


Beliefs and practices among primary care physicians during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Baden-Wuerttemberg (Germany): an observational study, Catharina Roth et al., BMC Family Practice, 6th May 2021.


In science we trust: the effects of information sources on COVID-19 risk perceptions, Marta Entradas, Health Communication, 3rd May 2021.
Knowledge and preventive behaviours regarding COVID-19 in Bangladesh: A nationwide distribution, Ismail Hosen et al., PLOS ONE, 3rd May 2021.


Explaining the reasons for not maintaining the health guidelines to prevent COVID-19 in high-risk jobs: a qualitative study in Iran, Neda Soleimanvandiazar et al., BMC Public Health, 3rd May 2021.

Young adults underestimate how well peers adhere to COVID-19 preventive behavioural guidelines, Scott Graupensperger et al., Journal of Primary Prevention, 1st May 2021.


Effectiveness of community interventions for protecting and promoting the mental health of working-age adults experiencing financial uncertainty: a systematic review, Michael McGrath et al., Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, 30th April 2021.

Stigmatization spreads faster than the virus. Viruses do not discriminate, and neither should we." Combatting the stigmatization surrounding coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, Ayfer Ozturk, Perspectives in Psychiatric Care, 30th April 2021.

Barriers to vaccination among people with Parkinson’s Disease and implications for COVID-19, Tiffany Phanhdone et al., Journal of Parkinson’s Disease, 30th April 2021.

How media literacy and science media literacy predicted the adoption of protective behaviours amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Erica Weintraub Austin et al., Journal of Health Communication, 30th April 2021.

Effectiveness of personal protective health behaviour against COVID-19, Chon Fu Lio et al., BMC Public Health, 29th April 2021.


Stigma and misconceptions in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic: A field experiment in India, Asad Islam et al., Social Science and Medicine, 28th April 2021.


Changes and remaining challenges for the Japanese immunization program: Closing the vaccine gap, Akihiko Saitoh et al., Vaccine, 28th April 2021.

The sharing of research data facing the COVID-19 pandemic, Rut Lucas-Dominguez et al., Scientometrics, 26th April 2021.

Food support provision in COVID-19 times: a mixed method study based in Greater Manchester, Filippo Oncini, Agriculture and Human Values, 26th April 2021.


Heterogeneity in preventive behaviours during COVID-19: Health risk, economic insecurity, and slanted information, Su Hyun Shin et al., Social Science and Medicine, 17th April 2021.
COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE


Insights on transmission of COVID-19 with a focus on the hospitality, retail and leisure sector, EMG Transmission Group, 30th April 2021.

BLOGS


The 100th anniversary of a vaccine against a deadly disease: not a cause for celebration, Lena Faust et al., Health Affairs, 6th May 2021.

Vaccinating Africa against COVID-19: riding a roller coaster of poor information, Heidi Larson et al., The Conversation, 5th May 2021.


Using the NHS App as a covid-19 vaccine passport, Simone Hodes et al., BMJ, 30th April 2021.

Optimising covid-19 vaccine uptake—time for a more nuanced approach, Asam Latif et al., BMJ, 30th April 2021.
How can we use behavioural science to promote vaccination against COVID-19 in Latin America?, Miguel Rosales et al., The Behavioural Insights Team, 28th April 2021.

What should we ask of a new global treaty for pandemic preparedness?, Henrique Lopes et al., BMJ, 26th April 2021.


**PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**

**Upcoming**


The media tells us the NHS is burnt out and suffering. Is it true?, NHS Check, Eventbrite, 11th May 2021.

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A decade of ‘nudge’ – in conversation with the pioneers (part 2 of 2), (39 mins), Inside the Nudge Unit, 6th May 2021.


Coronapod: the inequality at the heart of the pandemic, Amy Maxmen et al., Nature Podcast, 30th April 2021.

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**

Black adults aged 50-plus least likely to have received Covid jab, Jemma Crew, Evening Standard, 6th May 2021.

One in five UK adults have had depressive symptoms during pandemic, Tobi Thomas, The Guardian, 5th May 2021.

The era of mass vaccinations is ending, Sarah Zhang, The Atlantic, 4th May 2021.

Health care and workplaces must adjust for long covid, The Economist, 1st May 2021.

Coronavirus conspiracy theories: how vaccine infertility rumours spread to the young, Tom Ball et al., The Times, 30th April 2021.