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Highlights
As we know how time pressured everyone is, the authors of the digest have selected three recommended items from the lists below.

This week these are:

1. **Effect of physician-delivered COVID-19 public health messages and messages acknowledging racial inequity on black and white adults’ knowledge, beliefs, and practices related to COVID-19: a randomized clinical trial**, Carlos Torres et al., JAMA Network Open, 14th July 2021.


LitRep Collections: *The Role of Resilience*
Introducing a new feature - **LitRep Collections** - the authors of the digest will select articles relevant to a particular theme from the LitRep database. This week’s theme is:

*The Role of Resilience*


2. **Resilience through internationalisation**, The University of Edinburgh, 18th June 2020.


4. **Exposure to green spaces may strengthen resilience and support mental health in the face of the covid-19 pandemic**, Raf Aerts et al., BMJ, 21st June 2021.

5. **Were we stressed or was it just me – and does it even matter? Efforts to**
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Research Papers

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Quantifying social contact patterns in Minnesota during Stay-at-Home social distancing order, Audrey M. Dorelien et al., medRxiv, 15th July 2021.

The health impacts of a 4-month long community-wide COVID-19 lockdown: Findings from a prospective longitudinal study in the state of Victoria, Australia, Daniel Griffiths et al., medRxiv, 15th July 2021.


COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in the UK: A longitudinal household cross-sectional study, Kausik Chaudhuri et al., medRxiv, 14th July 2021.

Optimising health and economic impacts of COVID-19 vaccine prioritisation strategies in the WHO European Region, Yang Liu et al., medRxiv, 14th July 2021.


COVID-19 vaccine uptake, predictors of vaccination, and self-reported barriers to vaccination among primary school teachers in Poland, Marta Malesza et al., medRxiv, 13th July 2021.

Using big data analytics to explore the relationship between government stringency and preventative social behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom, Noor Al-Zubaidy et al., medRxiv, 10th July 2021.

The lived experience of implementing infection control measures in care homes during two waves of the COVID-19 Pandemic. A mixed-methods study, Diane Bunn et al., medRxiv, 10th July 2021.

Why some hesitate more: cross-cultural variation in conspiracy beliefs, belief in science, and vaccine attitudes, Gul Deniz Salali et al., medRxiv, 10th July 2021.


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From the ‘fragile rationalist’ to ‘collective resilience’: what human psychology has taught us about the COVID-19 pandemic and what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us about human psychology, Stephen Reicher et al., Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 2021.

Characterizing long COVID in an international cohort: 7 months of symptoms and their impact, Hannah E. Davis et al., E Clinical Medicine, 15th July 2021.

The more the merrier! Barriers and facilitators to the general public’s use of a COVID-19 contact tracing app in New Zealand, Norina Gasteiger et al., Informatics for Health and Social Care, 14th July 2021.

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Work-related and personal predictors of COVID-19 transmission: evidence from the UK and USA, Paul Anand et al., Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, 12th July 2021.


Detecting behavioural changes in human movement to inform the spatial scale of interventions against COVID-19, H. Gibbs et al., Plos Computational Biology, 12th July 2021.


Efficacy information influences intention to take COVID-19 vaccine, Colin J. Davis et al., The British Journal of Health Psychology, 11th July 2021.

Social media affordances and information abundance: Enabling fake news sharing during the COVID-19 health crisis, Oberiri Destiny Apuke et al., Health Informatics Journal, 10th July 2021.

The impact of COVID-19 related lockdown measures on self-reported psychopathology and health-related quality of life in German adolescents, Julian Koenig et al., European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 10th July 2021.


**Commentaries, Statements, Position Papers and Grey Literature**


**Using the right words**, Jeannie Barr, Crisis Response, June 2021.


**Alcoholic liver deaths increased by 21% during year of the pandemic**, Public Health England, 15th July 2021.


**Letting the good data shine: The state of the UK system of statistics 2021**, Ed Humpherson, Office for Statistics Regulation, 14th July 2021.

**The teachings of Long COVID**, Nisreen A. Alwan, Communications Medicine, 12th July 2021.

**Blogs**

**England’s lockdown ending may mean people take COVID-19 less seriously – our new research shows why**, Colin Foad, The Conversation, 15th July 2021.

**Presidential blog: Living with COVID-19 is not the same thing as letting it rip**, Jeanelle de Gruchy, The Association of Directors of Public Health (UK), 13th July 2021.


**Public trust in the government’s COVID response is slowly eroding. Here’s how to get it back on track**, Mark Griffith Evans, The Conversation, 11th July 2021.
Pro-lockdown polling is not as clear as you might think, Amy Jones, The Post, 9th July 2021.


**Podcasts, Webinars and Recordings**

**Upcoming**


Coronavirus: the whole story – ask the experts live, UCL, 21st July 2021.

**Pre-recorded**

Carrying equity in COVID-19 vaccination forward: guidance informed by communities of color, (120 mins), Center for Health Security, YouTube, 16th July 2021.

Best behaviour—how well will the lifting of covid-19 restrictions go?, (26 mins), Babbage, The Economist, 13th July 2021.


**Newspapers and other Journalism**

Long Covid has more than 200 symptoms, study finds, Linda Geddes, The Guardian, 16th July 2021.


‘Business has boomed but it doesn't mean we're coping', BBC News, 13th July 2021.

**Miscellaneous**

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