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Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, face masks and social distancing, rapid and mass testing

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Interim analysis of four randomised controlled trials on the safety and efficacy of the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine [here](#) and associated commentary [here](#)
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses on:
 - The prevalence and predictors of death and severe disease in hospitalised COVID-19 patients [here](#)
 - SARS-CoV-2 and limb ischemia [here](#)
 - The role of children in SARS-CoV-2 household transmission clusters [here](#)
- A retrospective cohort study on viral positivity and seroconversion during COVID-19 [here](#)
- A mixed-methods study on clinician perspectives on caring for dying patients during COVID-19 [here](#)
- A cross-sectional online survey of health literacy and disparities in COVID-19-related knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviours in Australia [here](#)
- Reviews on
 - Infectious disease dynamic transmission models during COVID-19 [here](#)
 - Neonatal-perinatal perspectives of COVID-19 [here](#)
- Observational studies on:
 - Face masks and social distancing [here](#)
 - Metabolomics of exhaled breath in critically ill COVID-19 patients [here](#)
 - The Panbio™ COVID-19 antigen rapid test (Abbott) in community-dwelling subjects with COVID-19 symptoms in the Netherlands [here](#)
 - The impact of COVID-19 on healthcare activity in NSW [here](#)
- Editorials on:
 - Rapid and frequent testing for COVID-19 [here](#)
 - COVID-19 vaccines, medical regulators and open data [here](#)
 - How public health systems learn and adapt after extreme events [here](#)
- Commentary on:
 - The characterisation of persistently asymptomatic infection with SARS-CoV-2 [here](#)
 - The Australian health system response to COVID-19 [here](#)
 - COVID-19 and cancer screening services in Australia [here](#)

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Socioeconomic determinants of COVID-19 and the Human Development Index [here](#)
- Fungal infections should be part of the core outcome set for COVID-19 [here](#) and authors' reply [here](#)
- A public health ethic and policies on COVID-19 immunity passports [here](#) and authors' reply [here](#)
- Population preferences for inclusive COVID-19 policy responses [here](#)

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A cross-sectional observational study on improving COVID-19 vaccine uptake in the UK [here](#)

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published a global vaccine action plan [here](#)

News and blogs

- Mass testing for COVID-19 in Slovakia and the UK [here](#)
- Oxford COVID-19 vaccine paper highlights lingering unknowns about results [here](#)
- Rapid one-step detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA [here](#)
- Smartwatch data help detect COVID-19 [here](#)
- BMJ blogs on:
 - The second COVID-19 surge in the UK [here](#)
 - The legality of requiring self-isolation after a positive COVID-19 test in the UK [here](#)
 - Mass asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in Liverpool, UK [here](#)
 - Reducing the environmental impact of the NHS response to COVID-19 [here](#)

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