

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE AND INSIGHTS UNIT (BSIU) LITERATURE REPORT

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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. Directors of public health and the COVID-19 pandemic, Shilpa Ross et al., The Health Foundation, September 2021.
2. 'Learn from the lessons and don't forget them': identifying transferable lessons for COVID-19 from meningitis A, yellow fever and Ebola virus disease vaccination campaigns, Julie Collins et al., BMJ Global Health, 17th September 2021.
3. The social amplification and attenuation of COVID-19 risk perception shaping mask wearing behaviour: A longitudinal twitter analysis, Suellen Hopfer et al., PLOS ONE, 23rd September 2021.

Research Papers

Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

Fear trumps the common good: psychological antecedents of vaccination attitudes and behaviour, Magdalena Adamus et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 24th September 2021.

Conspiracy beliefs and generosity across 52 countries during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sinan Alper et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 23rd September 2021.

StayWell at home: a text messaging intervention to counteract depression and anxiety during COVID-19 social distancing, Adrian Aguilera et al., JMIR Mental Health, 20th September 2021.

Social relationships and activities following elimination of SARS-CoV-2: a qualitative cross-sectional study, Nicholas J. Long et al., medRxiv, 22nd September 2021.

Estimating vaccine confidence levels among healthcare staff and students of a tertiary institution in South Africa, Elizabeth O. Oduwole et al., medRxiv, 22nd September 2021.

COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and vaccine passports: Vaccination or restriction?, Shohei Okamoto et al., medRxiv, 22nd September 2021.

Zoomed out? Depersonalization is related to increased digital media use during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, Anna Ciaunica et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 21st September 2021.

Correlates of COVID-19 vaccine acceptance, hesitancy and refusal among employees of a safety net California county health system with an early and aggressive vaccination program: Results from a cross-sectional survey, Nicole M. Gatto et al., medRxiv, 20th September 2021.

How long does it take to eliminate an epidemic without herd immunity?, Bhavin S. Khatri, medRxiv, 18th September 2021.

The emotional lockdown: how social distancing and mask wearing influence mood and emotion recognition, Louisa Kulke et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 17th September 2021.

Factors influencing self-harm thoughts and self-harm behaviours over the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK: a longitudinal analysis of 49,324 adults, Elise Paul et al., medRxiv, 17th September 2021.

Women's views and experiences of accessing vaccination in pregnancy during the COVID-19 pandemic: A multi-methods study in the United Kingdom, Helen Skirrow et al., medRxiv, 17th September 2021.

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The social amplification and attenuation of COVID-19 risk perception shaping mask wearing behaviour: A longitudinal twitter analysis, Suellen Hopfer et al., PLOS ONE, 23rd September 2021.

Suicide reduction in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons informing national prevention strategies for suicide reduction, Roger S. McIntyre et al., Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine, 22nd September 2021.

'Learn from the lessons and don't forget them': identifying transferable lessons for COVID-19 from meningitis A, yellow fever and Ebola virus disease vaccination campaigns, Julie Collins et al., BMJ Global Health, 17th September 2021.

Terrorist attacks against vaccinators: a review, Gregory N. Jasani et al., Health Security, 16th September 2021.

Solidarity matters: prototypicality and minority and majority adherence to national COVID-19 health advice, Aoife-Marie Foran et al., International Review of Social Psychology, 14th September 2021.

COVID-19: transferring learning from the pandemic response to non-communicable disease control, J. Knight et al., Public Health, 14th September 2021.

Social and psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with Parkinson's disease: a scoping review, S.K Brooks et al., Public Health, 1st September 2021.

Frequent callers to UK ambulance services in the COVID-19 pandemic: managing mental health, social isolation and loneliness, Jason Scott et al., British Paramedic Journal, 1st September 2021.

Policing during a global health pandemic: Exploring the stress and well-being of police and their families, Jacqueline M. Drew et al., Journal of Community Safety and Well-Being, 24th August 2021.

Commentaries, Statements, Position Papers and Grey Literature

Reducing bias in trials from reactions to measurement: the MERIT study including developmental work and expert workshop, D.P French et al., Health Technology Assessment, September 2021.

Directors of public health and the COVID-19 pandemic, Shilpa Ross et al., The Health Foundation, September 2021.

Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain, Office for National Statistics, 24th September 2021.

Mental health and social support for healthcare and hospital workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, T.G. Veenema et al., The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, 23rd September 2021.

Uncoupling vaccination from politics: a call to action, Joshua M. Sharfstein et al., The Lancet, 16th September 2021.

Technical advisory cell advice on 'vaccine passports', Gov.Wales, 14th September 2021.

Blogs

No, vaccinated people are not 'just as likely' to spread the coronavirus as unvaccinated people, Craig Spencer, The Atlantic, 23rd September 2021.

'Post-Vax COVID' is a new disease, Katherine J. Wu, The Atlantic, 21st September 2021.

Another truth about remote work, Elaine Godfrey, The Atlantic, 20th September 2021.

Six rules that will define our second pandemic winter, Katherine J. Wu et al., The Atlantic, 20th September 2021.

Young people seen as selfish rather than selfless during Covid (including by themselves), King's College London, 18th September 2021.

Why we cannot ignore Nepal's covid-19 crisis, David Citrin et al., BMJ, 17th September 2021.

Making the most of masks, Nitasha Rimar et al., Public Health Expert, 17th September 2021.

Podcasts, Webinars and Recordings

Upcoming

DCP East Midlands Branch webinar: developing compassionate leadership in psychology, the British Psychological Society, 25th November 2021.

CFA - 3rd Peter Sowerby Interdisciplinary Workshop, Philosophy and Medicine, 1st November 2021.

Living with Long COVID, ZOE Covid Study, 12th October 2021.

Levelling up health: a national strategy driven by local government, The Health Foundation, 30th September 2021.

Pre-Recorded

Covid-19: how effective are face masks, really? – podcast, (13 mins), Science Weekly, The Guardian, 23rd September 2021.

BCT workshop 2021 session 1: the behaviour change technique taxonomy, (5 mins), UCL Centre for Behaviour Change, YouTube, 20th September 2021.

BCT workshop 2021 Session 2: The Development of the BCTTv1, (6 mins), UCL Centre for Behaviour Change, YouTube, 20th September 2021.

BCT workshop 2021 Session 3: Uses of the BCTTv1, (7 mins), UCL Centre for Behaviour Change, YouTube, 20th September 2021.

BCT workshop 2021 Session 4: The future, (6 mins), UCL Centre for Behaviour Change, YouTube, 20th September 2021.

Building trust and resilience to misinformation for vaccine uptake, (62 mins), COVID-19 Hygiene Hub, 15th September 2021.

Newspapers and other Journalism

Many unvaccinated people are not opposed to getting a shot. The challenge is trying to get it to them, Meryl Kornfield, The Washington Post, 23rd September 2021.

Covid in Scotland: Legal challenge planned over vaccine passports, BBC News, 22nd September 2021.

Illness the jab won't cure: Warning of mental health crisis when borders re-open, Katrina Biekoff, In Queensland, 21st September 2021.

U.S. pledge to vaccinate poor countries stumbles amid logistical challenges, Gabriele Steinhauser et al., The Wall Street Journal, 21st September 2021.

Israel's struggles to contain COVID-19 may be a warning for other nations, Meredith Wadman, Science, 21st September 2021.

Take care with claims about unvaccinated case rates, David Spiegelhalter et al., The Guardian, 19th September 2021.

Miscellaneous

COVID behaviours dashboard, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, no date.

Summary report: Integrating vaccine promotion into COVID-19 prevention work, Jenny Lamb, Hygiene Hub, no date.

Covid cohorts: pandemic impacts and attitudes across the generations, King's College London et al., September 2021.

Severe mental illness: inequalities in cancer screening uptake, Public Health England, 21st September 2021.