List of guidance from ECDC and recent publications on COVID-19

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ECDC Outputs
Recent publications

Operational public health considerations for the prevention and control of infectious diseases in the context of Russia’s aggression towards Ukraine 08 Mar Read more »

Data collection on COVID-19 outbreaks in closed settings: long-term care facilities, version 2.1 Technical report – 18 Feb Read more »

Considerations for the use of antibody tests for SARS-CoV-2, first update Technical report – 10 Feb Read more »

COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in adolescents aged 12-17 years and interim public health considerations for administration of a booster dose Technical report – 08 Feb Read more »

Considerations for the use of face masks in the community in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant of concern Technical report – 07 Feb Read more »

Overview of the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and deployment plans in the EU/EEA Technical report – 31 Jan Read more »

Guidance on ending the isolation period for people with COVID-19, third update Technical report – 28 Jan Read more »

Assessment of the further spread and potential impact of the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant of concern in the EU/EEA, 19th update Risk Assessment – 27 Jan Read more »

Interim analysis of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against Severe Acute Respiratory Infection due to laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 among individuals aged 50 years and older, ECDC multi-country study – first update Technical report – 20 Jan Read more »

Situation updates on COVID-19

COVID-19 situation update for the EU/EEA: Includes an update on the number of cases and deaths and geographical distribution of 14-day notification rates for the EU/EEA. Read more »

COVID-19 situation update worldwide: Includes an update on the number of cases and deaths and geographical distribution of 14-day notification rates worldwide. Read more »

COVID-19 country overview: Provides an overview of the evolving epidemiological situation for the EU/EEA (including case/death notification rates, testing rates, test positivity, hospital and ICU occupancy/capacity per country, vaccination uptake at EU/EEA and country level). Read more »

Situation dashboard: Interactive map with the latest available data on COVID-19 (worldwide). Read more »

Vaccine tracker: Real time data on national vaccine doses distribution and vaccine update within EU/EEA countries. Read more »

Maps in support of the Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement
in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the EU/EEA. These maps are published every Thursday based on a number of different indicators. Read more »

**Response Measures Database** of ECDC and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission is a regularly updated archive of non-pharmaceutical interventions introduced by 30 countries in the EU/EEA. Read more »

**Updates on SARS-CoV-2 variants**

**SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern**: Overview of the different variants that are currently being considered of concern and of interest as assessed by ECDC. Read more »

**Variants of concern**: The ECDC country overview includes an own section on variants of concern. It includes e.g. a map of sequencing volume, variant data table and weekly variant distribution by country. Read more »

**Dashboard on SARS-CoV-2 variants**: This dashboard provides an overview of the proportion of variants of concern and variants of interest in EU/EEA Member States together with sequencing volumes and complements the ECDC country overview report. Read more »

**Download data on COVID-19**

Much of ECDC’s data can be downloaded from its website. This for instance includes, but is not limited to, reported number of cases and deaths, 14-day case notification rates, ICU and hospital admissions/occupancy, testing rates/positivity, vaccination data and response measures implemented in EU/EEA countries. Link to downloadable data »

**Infographics, Videos, Webinars and more**

Infographics and leaflets about COVID-19 – Infographics, leaflets and posters on COVID-19. Read more »

Videos on COVID-19 – What do we know about the COVID-19. Read more »

ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA) – COVID-19 Micro learning for public health professionals. Read more »

**Other ECDC Outputs**

ECDC website on COVID-19 – Read more »

ECDC surveillance definitions for COVID-19. Read more »

Find the latest evidence on:

- Coronaviruses
- Risk factors and risk groups
- Transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 infection
- Clinical characteristics of COVID-19
- Diagnostic testing and screening for SARS-CoV-2
- Immune responses and immunity to SARS-CoV-2
- Treatment and pharmaceutical prophylaxis
- COVID-19 vaccines


Prevention and control of COVID-19 – how to protect yourself, risk groups, COVID-19 vaccination, patient and case management. Read more »

Q & A on COVID-19 aimed at public and lay audience – Questions and answers. Read more »
Recent peer-reviewed publications

Disclaimer: In view of the large number of COVID-19 related publications, this list is compiled based on a rapid review of titles and abstracts and subjective selection of peer-reviewed articles and does not include an additional qualitative assessment or critical appraisal of the evidence by ECDC.

1. COVID-19 vaccination coverage in deprived populations living in segregated colonies: A nationwide cross-sectional study in Hungary PLoS One Read more »
2. SARS-CoV-2 Seroprevalence in Germany Dtsch Arztebl Int Read more »
3. Prevalence and circulation patterns of SARS-CoV-2 variants in European sewage mirror clinical data of 54 European cities Water Res Read more »
5. SARS-CoV-2 antigen lateral flow tests for detecting infectious people: linked data analysis BMJ Read more »
8. Antibody evasion properties of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron sublineages Nature Read more »
9. A gaps-and-needs analysis of vaccine R&D in Europe: Recommendations to improve the research infrastructure Biologicals Read more »
10. Efficacy of covid-19 vaccines in immunocompromised patients: systematic review and meta-analysis BMJ Read more »
11. Update to living WHO guideline on drugs for covid-19 BMJ Read more »
12. Detection and quantification of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in wastewater influent in relation to reported COVID-19 incidence in Finland Water Res Read more »
13. Long-term health-related quality of life in non-hospitalised COVID-19 cases with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection in England: Longitudinal analysis and cross-sectional comparison with controls Clin Infect Dis Read more »
14. Long COVID in hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients in a large cohort in Northwest Spain, a prospective cohort study Sci Rep Read more »
15. SARS-CoV-2 is associated with changes in brain structure in UK Biobank Nature Read more »
16. Association between two mass-gathering outdoor events and incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infections during the fifth wave of COVID-19 in north-east Spain: A population-based control-matched analysis Lancet Reg Health Eur Read more »
17. Risk of severe COVID-19 from the Delta and Omicron variants in relation to vaccination status, sex, age and comorbidities - surveillance results from southern Sweden, July 2021 to January 2022 Euro Surveill Read more »
18. Secondary Attack Rates for Omicron and Delta Variants of SARS-CoV-2 in Norwegian Households JAMA Read more »

Additional Resources

Information from European Institutions, International Organisations and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

European Union. Re-open EU: interactive tool with country information for travel and transportation Read more »
European Commission. Coronavirus response. Read more »
European Parliament. The EU’s response to the coronavirus. Read more »
EU Healthy Gateways: Published guidance and reports for COVID-19
European Agency for Safety and Health (OSHA). COVID-19: Resources for the workplace: EU guidance, telework, resources from EU and international organisations. Read more »
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). COVID-19. Read more »
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addition (EMCDDA). COVID-19 and drugs. Read more »
Health Systems Response Monitor: COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor designed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to collect and organize up-to-date information on how countries are responding to the crisis

World Health Organization (WHO). Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Read more »
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO): Novel Coronavirus. Read more »

African Centres of Disease Control and Prevention. Read more »
Public Health Agency of Canada. Read more »
Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Read more »
Israel Center for Disease Control, Ministry of Health. Read more »
Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency. Read more »
Ministry of Health of Mexico. Read more »
UK Health Security Agency. Read more »
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Read more »

COVID-19 information pages of EU/EEA Member States

Austria » Belgium » Bulgaria » Croatia » Cyprus » Czechia » Denmark » Estonia » Finland » France » Germany » Greece » Hungary » Iceland » Ireland » Italy » Latvia » Liechtenstein » Lithuania » Luxembourg » Malta » Netherlands » Norway » Poland » Portugal » Romania » Slovakia » Slovenia » Spain » Sweden »

Living Evidence Summaries

COAP: COVID-19 Open Access Project from the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM). This database is updated daily with published articles from Pubmed and EMBASE and with preprints from medRxiv and bioRxiv.

COVID-END McMaster Health Forum: living evidence syntheses on a variety of topics including efficacy and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in the presence of variants of concern (VOCs).

EPPI Centre: COVID-19: a living systematic map of the evidence. Up-to-date map of the current evidence that are partitioned into broad domains for easy exploration.

MAGIC project (MAGIC Evidence Ecosystem Foundation, theBMJ, WHO): Drug treatments for COVID-19 living systematic review and network meta-analysis and a living WHO guideline on drugs for COVID-19

PregCOV-19LSR by the University of Birmingham. Series of living systematic reviews (LSR) involving pregnant and postnatal women at risk, suspected, and diagnosed to have COVID-19 according to recommended methods. [Read more »]

WHO: Living WHO guideline on drugs for COVID-19 (published by the BMJ)

Science Updates


Cochrane: [Cochrane Reviews] and related content from the Cochrane Library relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID Reference International: Every day the "Top 10 scientific COVID-19 papers of the day" are presented. Also provides multiple other useful links to literature. [Read more »]

Evidence Aid: [Evidence Collection] on Coronavirus (COVID-19). This evidence collection contains plain-language summaries of high-quality research which are available in English, and translated into French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and Chinese (simplified and traditional).

Health Information and Quality Authority Ireland: [COVID-19 Publications]: Clinical evidence summaries and rapid reviews on various topics.

LitCovid: curated literature hub for tracking up-to-date scientific information about COVID-19. It is the most comprehensive resource on the subject, providing a central access to a large number of relevant articles in PubMed.

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [COVID-19 Science Updates] providing brief summaries of new COVID-19-related studies on many topics, including epidemiology, clinical treatment and management, laboratory science, and modeling. The summaries are released every Tuesday and Friday.

VA-ESP COVID-19 Reviews: [U.S. Veterans’ Affairs (VA) Evidence Synthesis Program] - Inventory of living systematic reviews and ‘rapid reviews’, with a flag for living reviews and for reviews meeting minimum quality standards.

Wolters Kluwer: Clinical effectiveness COVID-19 Resources Available to All. View a categorized collection of all UpToDate COVID-19 content including clinical topics, algorithms, patient education and society guideline links.