



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

Weekly Digest  
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## ECDC Outputs

### Publications

**Rapid Risk Assessment: Increase in fatal cases of COVID-19 among long-term care facility residents in the EU/EEA and the UK** Rapid Risk Assessment – 19 November [Read more »](#)

**Options for the use of rapid antigen tests for COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK** Technical Report – 19 November 2020 [Read more »](#)

**Contact tracing: public health management of persons, including healthcare workers, who have had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union – third update** Technical Report – 18 November 2020 [Read more »](#)

**Detection of new SARS-CoV-2 variants related to mink.** Rapid Risk Assessment – 12 November [Read more »](#)

**Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems in the context of COVID-19: first update** Technical Report – 11 November 2020 [Read more »](#)

**Key aspects regarding the introduction and prioritisation of COVID-19 vaccination in the EU/EEA and the UK** Technical Report – 26 October 2020 [Read more »](#)

**ECDC has a dedicated page with all scientific advice publications.** [Read more »](#)

**Translated guidance and infographics on COVID-19.** Available in 26 languages. [Read more »](#)

### Situation updates on COVID-19

**Daily situation update for the EU/EEA and the UK\*:** Includes a daily update on the number of cases and deaths and geographical distribution of 14-day notification rates for the EU/EEA and the UK. [Read more »](#)

**Daily situation update worldwide\*:** Includes a daily update on the number of cases and deaths and geographical distribution of 14-day notification rates worldwide. [Read more »](#)

**Weekly COVID-19 country overview:** Provides an overview of the evolving epidemiological situation for the EU/EEA and UK (including case/death notification rates, testing rates, test positivity, hospital and ICU occupancy/capacity per country). [Read more »](#)

**Weekly surveillance report on COVID-19:** Includes information on severity and risk groups most affected for the EU/EEA and UK, as well as TESSy data quality and descriptions about national

surveillance systems. [Read more »](#)

**Situation dashboard:** Interactive map with the latest available data on COVID-19 (worldwide). [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 and the UK. These maps are published every Thursday based on a number of different indicators. [Read more »](#)

**Current risk assessment on COVID-19.** From 23 October 2020. [Read more »](#)

*\*Note that ECDC will switch to a weekly reporting schedule for the COVID-19 situation worldwide and in the EU/EEA and the UK from December this year.*

## 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 death, 14-day case notification rates, ICU and hospital admissions/occupancy, testing rates/positivity and response measures implemented in EU/EEA countries and the UK. [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 »](#)

**Webinars and Podcasts on COVID-19** –Webinars and discussions on COVID-19. [Read more »](#)

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

**Online micro learning activities on non-pharmaceutical countermeasures in relation to COVID-19.** Event E-learning course. 20 Feb 2020 - 31 Dec 2020. [Read more »](#)

## Other ECDC Outputs

**ECDC website on COVID-19 ECDC** – [Read more »](#)

**Find the latest evidence on:**

- [SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [Epidemiology of COVID-19](#)
- [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](#)
- [Vaccines and treatment of COVID-19](#)

**Surveillance definitions for COVID-19.** High risk exposure/close contact, transmission status, death due to COVID-19. [Read more »](#)

**ECDC case definition for COVID-19.** [Read more »](#)

**Testing strategies for COVID-19** - Patients requiring diagnostic testing. [Read more »](#)

**Preparedness for COVID-19** – Publications and guidance for preparedness planning. [Read more »](#)

**Prevention and control** – how to protect yourself, monitoring of response activities, patient and case management. [Read more »](#)

**Laboratory support for COVID-19 in the EU/EEA** – Testing for SARS-CoV-2 virus, shortages, types and storage of specimens, specimen shipping etc. [Read more »](#)

**ECDC Threat Reports App** - The ECDC Threat Reports app is a free and open access software that gives you direct access to key updates and rapid risk assessments on communicable disease threats of concern to the EU on your mobile device. [Read more »](#)

**Q & A on COVID-19** – 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 published between 12 and 18 November 2020, and does not include a qualitative assessment or critical appraisal of the evidence.

1. Characterizing and Managing Pediatric SARS-CoV-2 Infection. Learning about the Virus in a Global Classroom *Acta Paediatr* [Read more »](#)
2. Effectiveness of Adding a Mask Recommendation to Other Public Health Measures to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Danish Mask Wearers *Ann Int Med* [Read more »](#)
3. Accuracy of UK Rapid Test Consortium (UK-RTC) “AbC-19 Rapid Test” for detection of previous SARS-CoV-2 infection in key workers: test accuracy study *BMJ* [Read more »](#)
4. Susceptibility to Sars-COV-2 Infection Among Children And Adults: A Seroprevalence Study of Family Households in the Barcelona Metropolitan Region, Spain *Clin Infect Dis* [Read more »](#)
5. A Longitudinal Study of Immune Cells in Severe COVID-19 Patients *Front Immunol* [Read more »](#)
6. Pattern of SARS-CoV-2 infection among dependant elderly residents living in long-term care facilities in Marseille, France, March-June 2020 *Int J Antimicrob Agents* [Read more »](#)
7. Systematically comparing COVID-19 with 2009 influenza pandemic for hospitalized patients *Int J Infect Dis* [Read more »](#)
8. Kawasaki Disease and COVID-19 *Mediterr J Rheumatol* [Read more »](#)
9. Declines in SARS-CoV-2 Transmission, Hospitalizations, and Mortality After Implementation of Mitigation Measures- Delaware, March-June 2020 *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* [Read more »](#)
10. Ranking the effectiveness of worldwide COVID-19 government interventions *Nat Hum Beh* [Read more »](#)
11. Analysis of the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic in Italy: The role of local and interventional factors in the control of the epidemic *PLoS One* [Read more »](#)
12. Unmet clinical needs for COVID-19 tests in UK health and social care settings *PLoS One* [Read more »](#)

13. Detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies is insufficient for the diagnosis of active or cured COVID-19 Sci Rep [Read more »](#)

## Additional Resources

**European Union.** Re-open EU: interactive tool with country information for travel and transportation [Read more »](#)

**European Commission.** Coronavirus response. [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 Medicines Agency:** [Latest updates on COVID-19](#). Treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

**European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).** COVID-19 measures. [Read more »](#)

**World Health Organization.** Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. [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

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN:** Exposure of humans or animals to SARS-CoV-2 from wild, livestock, companion and aquatic animals. [Qualitative exposure assessment](#).

## Evidence Summaries and Science Updates

**EPPI Centre:** [COVID-19](#): a living systematic map of the evidence.

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

**COVID Reference International:** [The COVID Textbook](#) by Kamps, Hoffmann et al., 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

**COVID-AMR:** [Peer-reviewed literature](#) on secondary infections, antibiotic chemotherapy and AMR in the context of COVID-19.

**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:** [COVID-19 Publications](#): Clinical evidence summaries and rapid reviews on various different topics.

**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.

**NMA initiative:** [Covid-19 – living initiative](#). Living mapping and living systematic review of Covid-19 studies.

**VA-ESP COVID19 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

**theBMJ:** [Drug treatments for covid-19](#): living systematic review and network meta-analysis

**Wolters Kluwer: UpToDate:** [Clinical effectiveness COVID-19 Recourses Available to All](#)

## COVID-19 search engines and databases

**Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine CEBM:** [Oxford COVID-19 Evidence Service](#). Rapid reviews of primary care questions relating to COVID-19.

**COAP:** [COVID-19 Open Access Project](#) from the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine ([ISPM](#))

**EMBL-EBI:** [Protein Data Bank in Europe – Knowledge Base](#): PDBe-KB COVID-19 Data Portal.

**LitCovid:** [curated literature hub](#) for tracking up-to-date scientific information about COVID-19.

**WHO:** [Global research on COVID-19](#). Database of publications on COVID-19.