



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

COVID-19 Digest
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ECDC Outputs

Recent publications

Epidemiological update: SARS-CoV-2 Omicron sub-lineages BA.4 and BA.5 13 May [Read more »](#)

COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol: Operational guidelines for the management of air passengers and aviation personnel in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic Technical guidance – 11 May [Read more »](#)

Public health considerations and evidence to support decisions on the implementation of a second mRNA COVID-19 vaccine booster dose Technical report – 28 Apr [Read more »](#)

Transitioning beyond the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic: Approaches and tools used by a sample of EU countries in the transition and de-escalation phase – interim report Technical report – 27 Apr [Read more »](#)

Overview of the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and deployment plans in the EU/EEA Technical report – 21 Apr [Read more »](#)

Joint statement from ECDC and EMA on the administration of a fourth dose of mRNA vaccines 06 Apr [Read more »](#)

Information to guide individual health assessment of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine – Considerations for healthcare workers UNHCR, ECDC, IOM, WHO/Europe 06 Apr [Read more »](#)

Guidance for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in temporary reception centres in the context of the large numbers of people fleeing Ukraine Technical report – 18 Mar [Read more »](#)

Analysis of COVID-19 contact tracing data from Ireland, Italy and Spain – 2020 data Technical report – 15 Mar [Read more »](#)

Interim analysis of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against Severe Acute Respiratory Infection due to laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 among individuals aged 30 years and older, ECDC multi-country study – second update Technical report – 14 Mar [Read more »](#)

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 »](#)

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»](#)

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 »](#)

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 »](#)

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. Burden of COVID-19 Mortality and Morbidity in Poland in 2020 *Int J Environ Res Public Health* [Read more »](#)
2. Long-term mortality following SARS-CoV-2 infection: A national cohort study from Estonia *Lancet Reg Health Eur* [Read more »](#)
3. The rapid spread of SARS-COV-2 Omicron variant in Italy reflected early through wastewater surveillance *Sci Total Environ* [Read more »](#)
4. Assessing the effect of non-pharmaceutical interventions on COVID-19 transmission in Spain, 30 August 2020 to 31 January 2021 *Euro Surveill* [Read more »](#)
5. Remdesivir and three other drugs for hospitalised patients with COVID-19: final results of the WHO Solidarity randomised trial and updated meta-analyses *Lancet* [Read more »](#)
6. COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against severe disease from SARS-CoV-2 Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 subvariants - surveillance results from southern Sweden, December 2021 to March 2022 *Euro Surveill* [Read more »](#)
7. Omicron infection enhances Delta antibody immunity in vaccinated persons *Nature* [Read more »](#)
8. Breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infections in double and triple vaccinated adults and single dose vaccine effectiveness among children in Autumn 2021 in England: REACT-1 study *EClinicalMedicine* [Read more »](#)
9. Respiratory virus circulation in children after relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions in fall 2021 - a nationwide register study in Finland *J Med Virol* [Read more »](#)
10. Venous or arterial thrombosis and deaths among COVID-19 cases: a European network cohort study *Lancet Infect Dis* [Read more »](#)
11. Outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 omicron infection in residents of long-term care facilities in England (VIVALDI): a prospective, cohort study *Lancet Healthy Longev* [Read more »](#)
12. Trajectory of long covid symptoms after covid-19 vaccination: community based cohort study *BMJ* [Read more »](#)
13. Hyper inflammatory syndrome following COVID-19 mRNA vaccine in children: A national post-authorization pharmacovigilance study *Lancet Reg Health Eur* [Read more »](#)
14. The impact of COVID-19 vaccination in prisons in England and Wales: a metapopulation model *BMC Public Health* [Read more »](#)
15. Health outcomes in people 2 years after surviving hospitalisation with COVID-19: a longitudinal cohort study *Lancet Respir Med* [Read more »](#)
16. Association of Prior BNT162b2 COVID-19 Vaccination With Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Children and Adolescents During Omicron Predominance *JAMA* [Read more »](#)
17. Presymptomatic, asymptomatic and post-symptomatic transmission of SARS-CoV-2: joint British Infection Association (BIA), Healthcare Infection Society (HIS), Infection Prevention Society (IPS) and Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) guidance *BMC Infect Dis* [Read more »](#)
18. Risk of SARS-CoV-2 Reinfection 18 Months After Primary Infection: Population-Level Observational Study *Front Public Health* [Read more »](#)
19. Incidence and clinical phenotype of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children after infection with the SARS-CoV-2 delta variant by vaccination status: a Danish nationwide prospective cohort study *Lancet Child Adolesc Health* [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 Medicines Agency (EMA): Treatments and vaccines for COVID-19. [Latest updates on COVID-19.](#)

European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (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 »](#)



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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](#)

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

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 theBMJ)

Science Updates

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

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 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.

World Health Organization: [COVID-19 Global literature on coronavirus disease](#). Literature database.