

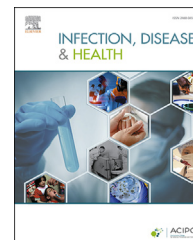


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Letter to the Editor

COVID-19 and Infection Disease and Health

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To the Editor:

The past twelve months has posed significant challenges for those working in the area of infection prevention and control. One of the challenges has been keeping on top of the ever changing literature with regards to COVID-19. In early 2020, a rapid review panel for COVID-19 related articles submitted to Infection, Disease and Health was established. The panel ceased towards the end of 2020 as COVID-19 became more 'normal business'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in the rapid review panel. Like many, they too were busy with everyday business, but found the time to assist in reviewing COVID-19 articles in a rapid fashion. In turn, this benefited the wider profession by providing timely publications. COVID-19 related articles published by Infection, Disease and Health during 2020 were also made freely available and not behind a subscription barrier. To aid readers of the journal, I have listed COVID-19 papers we have published below.

- SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence in healthcare workers in a tertiary healthcare network in Victoria, Australia [1].
- Determinants of intention to get vaccinated against COVID-19 among healthcare personnel in hospitals in Greece [2].
- Appropriate attitude promotes mask wearing in spite of a significant experience of varying discomfort [3].
- General practitioners' knowledge, preparedness, and experiences of managing COVID-19 in Australia [4].
- Re-purposing of domestic steam disinfectors within the Hospital-at-Home setting: Reconciliation of steam

disinfectant thermal performance against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), norovirus and other viruses' thermal susceptibilities [5].

- Air travel in a COVID-19 world: Commercial airline passengers' health concerns and attitudes towards infection prevention and disease control measures [6].
- Breaking the chain of transmission within a tertiary health service: An approach to contact tracing during the COVID-19 pandemic [7].
- Containment of COVID-19 and reduction in healthcare-associated respiratory viral infections through a multi-tiered infection control strategy [8].
- Concerns for low-resource countries, with under-prepared intensive care units, facing the COVID-19 pandemic [9].
- Travel health seeking behaviours, masks, vaccines and outbreak awareness of Australian Chinese travellers visiting friends and relatives – Implications for control of COVID-19 [10].
- Understanding Covid-19 transmission: The effect of temperature and health behavior on transmission rates [11].
- COVID-19 in a complex obstetric patient with cystic fibrosis [12].
- Quantifying what could have been – The impact of the Australian and New Zealand governments' response to COVID-19 [13].
- Travel health risk perceptions of Chinese international students in Australia – Implications for COVID-19 [14].
- News coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic: Missed opportunities to promote health sustaining behaviors [15].
- SARS-CoV-2: The viral shedding vs infectivity dilemma [16].

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- Preparation and response to COVID-19 outbreak in Singapore: A case report [17].
- Hajj in the Time of COVID-19 [18].

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