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## INTRODUCTION

This is the twenty-second weekly literature report from the Public Health England Behavioural Science Reference Cell. The report aims to highlight a selection of COVID-19 related work in the field of behavioural and social science (mostly) released from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please note the report is not a perfect product and the inclusion or omission of a publication should not be viewed as an endorsement or rejection by PHE. Additionally, the authors of this report do not accept responsibility for the availability, reliability or content of the items included in this report and do not necessarily endorse the views expressed within them.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

As we know how time pressured everyone is at the moment, the authors of the digest have selected three recommended items from the lists below. This week these are:

1. Mass gatherings, health, and well-being: from risk mitigation to health promotion, Nick Hopkins et al., Social Issues and Policy Review, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
2. The importance of mental health and psychosocial support during COVID-19, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and International Committee of the Red Cross, 2020.
3. WaterAid's hygiene behaviour change response to COVID-19, WaterAid, October 2020.

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## RESEARCH PAPERS

### Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

Face masks, public policies and slowing the spread of COVID-19: evidence from Canada, Alexander Karaivanov et al., The National Bureau of Economic Research, October 2020.

The effect of the definition of 'pandemic' on quantitative assessments of infectious disease outbreak risk, Benjamin J. Singer et al., medRxiv, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Socio-demographic predictors of adherence to coronavirus disease prescribed recommendations and lockdown psychological impacts: Perspectives of Nigerian social media users, Obasanjo Afolabi Bolarinwa et al., medRxiv, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and big five personality on subjective and psychological well-being, Jeromy Anglim et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

## Published

Measuring global bystander intervention and exploring its antecedents for helping refugees, Nihan Albayrak-Aydemir et al., British Journal of Psychology, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

COVID-SCORE: A global survey to assess public perceptions of government responses to COVID-19 (COVID-SCORE-10), Jeffrery V. Lazarus et al., PLOS ONE, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Covid-19: how to prioritize worse-off populations in allocating safe and effective vaccines, Harold Schmidt et al., BMJ, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Mass gatherings, health, and well-being: from risk mitigation to health promotion, Nick Hopkins et al., Social Issues and Policy Review, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Isolation hotels: a community-based intervention to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicole C. Jordan-Martin et al., Health Security, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The relation between official WhatsApp-distributed COVID-19 news exposure and psychological symptoms: cross-sectional survey study, Jean C.J Liu et al., Journal of Medical Internet Research, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

Effective communication strategies for COVID-19: research brief, Ontario Hospital Association, no date.

The importance of mental health and psychosocial support during COVID-19, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and International Committee of the Red Cross, 2020.

Behaviour change: digital and mobile health interventions, NICE, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The impact of COVID-19 on mental, neurological and substance use services, WHO Mental Health and Substance Use Team, WHO, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## UNCLASSIFIED

SPI-B/EMG: COVID-19 housing impacts 10 September 2020, GOV.UK, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Pandemic fatigue - reinvigorating the public to prevent COVID-19, WHO Europe, September 2020.

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### BLOGS

WaterAid's hygiene behaviour change response to COVID-19, WaterAid, October 2020.

Coronavirus: Is the cure worse than the disease? The most divisive question of 2020, Danny Dorling, The Conversation, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Illusion of COVID control, Eugene Malthouse, The Cognition Company, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

COVID-19 disrupting mental health services in most countries: WHO survey, WHO, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Sports safety and COVID-19, Katie Pearce, Johns Hopkins University, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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### PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS

Re-thinking Human Behaviour: critical perspectives on the psychology of COVID-19, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, London School of Economics and Political Science, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM

"Instead of waiting for the pandemic to arrive, we started preparing actively", John Nkengasong, ABC News, Twitter, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Dispatches from the Behavioural Scientists Fighting Coronavirus in the Global South, Neela Saldanha et al., Behavioural Scientist, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Will fines make people comply with Covid-19 restrictions?, Sheheryar Banuri, RTE, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Behavioural and social sciences for better health: call for papers, Elena Altieri et al., Bulletin of the World Health Organization, October 2020.

6 ways to shop safely during COVID-19, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Twitter, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.