

THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19: 10 critical updates and trends

As infection control and prevention professionals continue the fight against COVID-19 and stay prepared for new variants, **Infection Control Today®** offers critical insights from top experts to keep you up to date.

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Problem: COVID-19 Hospital-Acquired Infections

We need to have mandatory reporting of worker and patient acquisition of SARS-CoV-2 and the development of COVID-19 with metrics to provide us the most accurate estimate of cases so we can effectively plan and allocate resources.

How Infection Preventionists Should Approach COVID Variants

There are pieces of novel variants that we're still learning about, like the impact to therapies and how these variants might affect what we know about COVID-19, like reinfection.

Pssst! Vaccines Can't Guarantee COVID Immunity

Linda Spaulding RN, BC, CIC, CHEC, CHOP: "There's not enough literature out there yet to say that once you get the vaccine, you won't get COVID again, and the literature that is out there says that once you get the vaccine, even if you don't get COVID again, you can still be an asymptomatic carrier."

Health Care Workers Can Get COVID Twice (at Least)

It's possible that infection preventionists and other health care workers who caught COVID-19 in the first wave can be reinfected.

Asymptomatic Carriers May Play a Huge Part in COVID-19 Surge

Assume that everybody in a hospital setting is an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19, two recent studies suggest.

COVID-19 Variants Make Infection Prevention Harder

Infection preventionists need to spread the message and articulate the uncertainties of this new variant of COVID-19.

Better Protection from COVID Needed for Providers

Kristy Warren: "We need to do everything we can to help protect our providers when performing these aerosol generating procedures"

Year Zero: How COVID-19 Changed Everything

Though tough months lie ahead for infection preventionists and other healthcare professionals, hope remains that at some point in 2021 things will begin to settle down. In the end, it comes down to a simple formula: We win, COVID-19 loses

Move over B117, Here Comes Another COVID Mutation

Just how much more serious of a threat South Africa's 501Y.V2 COVID variant represents has yet to be definitively answered, but British health officials argue that it's much worse than the UK's B117.

Under Attack: COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths Break Records

3775 people died from COVID-19; that's the highest single-day death total since the pandemic began, according to Johns Hopkins University. According to the COVID Tracking Project, 131,135 people were hospitalized yesterday for COVID-19, another single-day record.

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