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COVID-19: EASING SUPPRESSION MEASURES; IMPLICATIONS FOR THIOPURINE USE

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TWO new COVID-19 articles have been published online today by the *Medical Journal of Australia*. Both are open access and available now.

1. A strategic framework to ease community-wide COVID-19 suppression measures

“We outline a strategy for a phased progression from ‘suppress’ to ‘release’ and ‘restore’ stages that focuses on optimising the application of our existing tools and strategies coupled with improved pathways for community engagement and multi-sectoral cooperation.” Available at:

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2020/strategic-framework-ease-community-wide-covid-19-suppression-measures>

2. COVID-19 and implications for thiopurine use

“The Gastroenterological Society of Australia has issued recommendations that the minimum level of immunosuppression should be continued to control disease although a drug holiday may be considered in some patients with long term stable disease.⁸ This dilemma highlights the importance of online registries to gather vital data as we work together as a profession to provide evidence based advice for our patients during this pandemic.” Available at:

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2020/covid-19-and-implications-thiopurine-use>

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