

The Medical Journal of Australia • MJA

MEDIA RELEASE

COVID-19: OCCUPATIONAL ACQUISITION; TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE *Medical Journal of Australia* has today published two papers on COVID-19 as part of its rapid-review process.

1. Employee presenteeism and occupational acquisition of COVID-19

“Presenteeism, where SARS-CoV-2 infected workers attend work while symptomatic, contributes to occupational acquisition of COVID-19. This is documented to have occurred in the North West Regional Hospital Outbreak among Tasmanian Health Care workers. It is also likely to be present among a newly recognised Melbourne abattoir outbreak. Infection prevention practices must account for presenteeism.”

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2020/employee-presenteeism-and-occupational-acquisition-covid-19>

2. Tracking, tracing, trust: contemplating mitigating the impact of COVID-19 through technological interventions

“While many liberties have been curtailed during COVID-19, all modifications to existing rights are required, under law, to be legal, necessary and proportionate. These same standards apply to the use of technology. Legal protections need to be in place to ensure that protections are maintained, including protections to privacy. Without sound legal protections and safeguards, tracing apps will not only fail, but embed values that may not be those that represent the society we wish to be.”

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2020/tracking-tracing-trust-contemplating-mitigating-impact-covid-19-through-technological>

All MJA COVID-19 articles are available at <https://www.mja.com.au/journal/covid-19> and are open access.

All MJA media releases are open access and can be found at:
<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/media>

Please remember to credit *The MJA*.

The *Medical Journal of Australia* is a publication of the Australian Medical Association.

The statements or opinions that are expressed in the MJA reflect the views of the authors and do not represent the official policy of the AMA or the MJA unless that is so stated.