COVID-19 tests, remdesivir, impact on notifiable diseases

Peer reviewed journals featured:
• A comparative study on COVID-19 specimen types (nasopharyngeal swab vs saliva) here
• A final report on a randomised controlled trial of remdesivir here and a phase 3 trial comparing 5 and 10 day course of treatment here
• The effect of COVID-19 public health measures on notifiable diseases in Australia here
• Commentary on:
  o Challenges in creating herd immunity to COVID-19 by mass vaccination here
  o Triaging older adults with COVID-19 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in the US here
  o Historical insights on contact tracing and communication skills here
  o Community health workers addressing social determinants during COVID-19 here
  o Public health in India during COVID-19 here

Letters and correspondence discussed:
• Comparison of self-collected versus healthcare worker COVID-19 specimen collection here
• Immunogenomic phases of COVID-19 and appropriate clinical management here

Reviews
• The Cochrane Library released a systematic review on interventions to support healthcare workers during and after a pandemic here

Guidance and reports
• The Australian Department of Health released its latest COVID-19 epidemiology report here
• The World Health Organization released COVID-19 interim guidance on
  o implementing and adjusting public health and social measures here
  o critical preparedness, readiness and response actions here

News and blogs
• Rapid coronavirus testing here