COVID-19 Data Index – Making datasets findable and accessible

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Big Data Generated from COVID-19 Research

Large volume of publications: 43,076 (LitCovid, 8/23)



Weekly Publications

Heterogenous types of datasets

- Epidemiological data on testing and case statistics at various locations
- Omics data from labs
- Clinical data from surveys, studies (e.g., imaging, assays) or from electronic health records
- Administrative (e.g., PPE, ventilators, hospitalizations, ICU beds)
- Socio-demographic, environmental, economic, individual mobility and transportation data.

Effort on Sharing COVID-19 Data

FAIR Principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable)





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Other data sharing initiatives







Membership Annual Meeting Education Research Journals

of North America

RSNA News

RSNA Announces COVID-19 Imaging Data Repository

Planned open data repository will be for international COVID-19 imaging research and education efforts



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COVID-19 open-access data and computational resources are being provided by federal agencies, including NIH, public consortia, freely available to researchers, and this page will be updated as more information becomes available.

Research

The CORD-19 corpus is now updated daily! Download Here

CORD-19

COVID-19 Open Research Dataset

The Semantic Scholar team at the Allen Institute for Al has partnered with leading research groups to provide CORD-19, a free resource of more than 130,000 scholarly articles about the novel coronavirus for use by the global research community.

Get Started

better and ensure that data are FAIR (in this sense also meaning Federated, AI-Ready).

Our Approach – COVID-19 Data Index (www.covid19dataindex.org)



COVID-19 Data Index Workflow



A review of COVID-19 datasets in PubMed Central articles

1% Europe



Key Findings:

- Only 2% of PMC articles provided Data Availability Statement.
- 28.5% of PMC articles mentioned at least one data link
- 84.4% datasets are immediately downloadable
- Epidemiological datasets accounts for 53.9%
- GitHub is the most popular data repository

Most Cited COVID-19 Datasets in PMC

Dataset	Overall Citations	URL Citations	Article Citations
John Hopkins University Dashboard ²	454	416	275
Real-time estimation of the novel coronavirus incubation time ^{3}	239	0	239
Worldometers ³⁴	231	231	0
Substantial undocumented infection facilitates the rapid	189	0	189
dissemination of novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)37			
Estimates of the severity of coronavirus disease 2019: a model-	132	0	132
based analysis ³⁸			
Feasibility of controlling COVID-19 outbreaks by isolation of	104	0	104
cases and contacts ⁵			
Pattern of early human-to-human transmission of Wuhan 2019	102	1	102
novel coronavirus ³⁹			
Early dynamics of transmission and control of COVID-19: a	97	0	97
mathematical modelling study ³			
The effect of travel restrictions on the spread of the 2019 novel	90	0	90
coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak ⁶			
CDC <u>35</u>	87	87	0

Data sharing is critical for reproducible research including COVID-19

- FAIR Principles are important for sharing digital assets; but significant efforts are needed to develop FAIR-compliant datasets
- Citation analysis could be the incentive for data sharing; but more work is need for formally citing datasets and measuring its impact

Thank you! Questions?

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