

I BEST OF THE WEEK (27 giu – 03 lug 2022)

R. Rubin

From positive to negative to positive again—the mystery of why covid-19 rebounds in some patients who take Paxlovid

JAMA, June 2022; doi:10.1001/jama.2022.9925

Abstract

Director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Columbia University managed to avoid contracting COVID-19 for more than 2 years. But SARS-CoV-2 finally got the best of the pioneering HIV researcher on an April trip to Paris for, of all things, a 2-day COVID-19 conference.

T.D. Ngo

Bad COVID Public Health Messaging Is Blocking Our Path to a ‘New Normal’

Scientific American, June 2022: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/bad-covid-public-healthmessaging-is-blocking-our-path-to-a-new-normal/>

Abstract

The U.S. has no clear vision of how to reach a postpandemic world. Over the past two years, we have developed extraordinary scientific tools for the mitigation, treatment and prevention of COVID. But we’ve stumbled badly in implementing them. Many of these failures happened because our public health messages were not clear about how to use those tools, which include vaccines, masks, tests, antiviral drugs and temporary activity restrictions. The result is confusion among the public that has left us vulnerable to the disease and unable to respond to new and more transmissible variants such as BA.2 and its sublineages, which are infecting a rising number of people across the nation.