

Google & Twitter Search Tips

How to Access Free and Low-Cost Legal Resources for COVID-19 Related Matters

GOOGLE

Brainstorm and be on the lookout for alternative terminology you can build into your searches. String together with OR in your searches

SARS-CoV-2
COVID-19
COVID19
COVID
Coronavirus
Pandemic

GOOGLE SEARCH = covid OR covid-19 OR coronavirus

HANDY ELEMENTS TO HELP COMPOSE SEARCHES:

Use **OR** to string together alternative words

AND is the **default connector** (the automatic operator in the space between words)
– do not type it in your search

Use the minus sign (-) to exclude words

Use “ “ around phrases

Use the “ **site:** “ command to restrict your search results to a particular website or domain

Use the “ **filetype:** ” command to specify the document format desired in your results (e.g., pdf, xls, ppt...)

Use with Google “site:” searches:

Original top-level domains

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Internet_top-level_domains#Original_top-level_domains

.edu
.org
.gov
.int
.mil
.com
.net

Internet country domain list

<https://www.worldstandards.eu/other/tlds/>

.ca = Canada

.in = India

.es = Spain

SAMPLE GOOGLE SEARCHES:

"digital immunity passport" covid OR coronavirus site:org

"digital immunity passport" covid OR coronavirus site:gov

"digital immunity passport" covid OR coronavirus site:edu

Covid OR coronavirus tracking OR tracing OR electronic OR digital OR GPS site:uk

Covid OR coronavirus tracking OR tracing OR electronic OR digital OR GPS site:bbc.com

Covid OR coronavirus tracking OR tracing OR electronic OR digital OR GPS site:npr.org

Covid OR coronavirus tracking OR tracing OR electronic OR digital OR GPS site:breitbart.com

Covid OR coronavirus tracking OR tracing OR electronic OR digital OR GPS privacy site:un.org

(note: a space without an OR means "AND")

"digital immunity passport" covid OR coronavirus filetype:pdf site:com

TWITTER FOR RESEARCH

Try searching Twitter <https://twitter.com/explore>

Look at tweets posted by individual accounts

(These are like AUTHORS)

@CDCGov

@SBAGov

@COVIDOversight

@NIH

@Laurie_Garrett

@bbchealth

@BfloBizFirst

@ABAJournal

@NYGovCuomo

@WHO

Look at tweets classified with hashtags

(These are like SUBJECT HEADINGS)

#covid_19

#COVID

#COVID19

#coronavirus

#SARSCoV2

#COVID19India

#coronavirusUK

#NHS

Look at Twitter posts from a “list” or group of twitter accounts.

Anyone can create a list. Others can follow those lists (if public).

Once you find an interesting Twitter account, try to identify other Twitter accounts in the same vein...

-- see who they follow

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--find any relevant lists that they created or follow

You can “follow” individual Twitter accounts.

You can “follow” lists without following its individual members.

How can you find a list? (You need to be signed in to your Twitter account):

Look at the lists created by someone on Twitter you find interesting (Look for the three dots on that person’s Twitter page. Click on the three dots. A dropdown menu will appear- click on “View Lists”)

Sample Twitter searches:

SEARCH: abajournal covid

SEARCH: #covid NY

SEARCH: eviction covid NY

SEARCH:#CancelRent

SEARCH: CARES Act

SEARCH: FFCRA

Sample Lists:

Epidemic Science & Health

List of epidemiologists, researchers, public health experts & journalists tracking COVID-19.

Created by Josh Marshall @joshtpm

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/1233998285779632128>

New York State Government

New York State agencies, authorities and public servants -- We work for the people

Created by Andrew Cuomo @NYGovCuomo

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/64539910>