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Overview

- This weekly summary documents the latest COVID-19 surveillance data in children and adolescents, with a focus on Victoria and New South Wales (NSW) as well as specific countries that are relevant to the Australian context because of their size, COVID-19 epidemiology, the mitigation measures in place and data availability.
- Data on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), otherwise known as Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS-TS), is also searched for but is not always available.
- This report is updated weekly using the most recently available data.
- Surveillance data for the Omicron variant of concern is included where available, including for South Africa and Denmark.
- The number of infections in unvaccinated children may also increase if school mitigation measures are few, there are changes to testing criteria and the adoption of screening in schools. The number of cases will be biased towards the age groups that are tested most.





Summary

- Throughout 2021, the proportion of infections in unvaccinated children has generally increased as vaccination of adults has increased. 1,2 This proportion may continue to increase in countries where a low proportion of children are vaccinated. Many countries are now vaccinating adolescents and the USA and several other countries have begun vaccinating children aged 5 years and over.
- COVID-19 epidemiology in children and adolescents varies by setting.
- Following the return to school, many settings with high vaccination coverage and school mitigation measures have had few infections and outbreaks. Other settings with low coverage in all ages, including adolescents, and/or few mitigation measures have experienced an increase in case numbers in children, and school outbreaks.
- The Omicron variant of concern³ was first reported from South Africa on 25 November 2021. At the time of writing, it has been detected in 67 countries⁴, up from 42 countries last week. Omicron is now the predominant variant in South Africa, overtaking the Delta variant which was the predominant variant in October 2021. Initial reports from UK and Denmark, countries which have intensive surveillance, indicate that transmission occurs initially in 20-29 year olds, with children and adolescents less infected so far.
- Infections appear to be stable in children and adolescents in Victoria and declined in New South Wales (NSW) with the return of face-to-face learning despite many school infections. This could be attributable to high vaccine coverage in ≥12 year olds and implementation of mitigation measures in schools including test, trace, isolate and quarantine (TTIQ).
- Victoria opened all schools for onsite fulltime schooling on 1 November 2021.
 - There are currently ~1300 confirmed cases per day in all ages, highest in the 0-9 year age group, although this is stable.
 - o There is no hospitalisation data available by age.
- In NSW, early childhood and education centres have been open throughout the entire Delta period. Despite this, the effective reproduction number (an estimate of how many people are infected by each positive case) declined up until November, which suggests young children contribute little to broader community transmission.
 - Onsite fulltime schooling commenced on 8 November.
 - o Case numbers have increased to ~2500 confirmed cases in all ages. Children 0-9 years old comprised <9% of all cases, and 10-19 year olds 39%.
- In Canada, where ~87% of 12-17 year olds are fully vaccinated, there has been no increase in cases in children aged 12+ years following schools reopening in early September.
 - There was an initial steep increase in infections in 5-11 year olds after schools re-opened, but this has since declined. Hospitalisations have declined overall but hospitalisation trends are not available by age.
 - o In the province of British Columbia, infections increased in children 5-11 years of age during the first two weeks of school reopening in September 2021, primarily in areas of lower vaccine coverage. Infections in this age group were trending downwards and now remain relatively stable. The increase in infections in September was partly due to a significant increase in testing among children. Serious illness in children has been rare in this province. British Columbia data has not been updated since report #1 (3 December 2021).
 - Since November, all 5-11 year old children are offered COVID-19 vaccine with an eight week interval between doses. Canada has vaccinated ~18% of this age group with a single dose.
- In Europe and North America, schools returned after the summer break in September 2021. Cases are on the rise across all age groups in many European countries.







¹ Russell FM, Anderson V, Crawford N, Curtis N, Danchin M, Goldfeld S, Hart J, Keeble T, Medley T, Mulholland K, Ranganathan S, Suryawijaya Ong D, Overmars I, Perrett K, Steer A. COVID-19 in Early Childhood Education and Care & Schools. Research Brief Number 1, Version 1: 14 October 2021. Parkville, Victoria, Australia: Murdoch Children's Research Institute, The Royal Children's Hospital, University of Melbourne Department of Paediatrics; 2021.

² American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report 14 October 2021. Illinois, US: AAP; 2021.

https://www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron https://www.gisaid.org/hcov19-variants/

- In **Denmark**, all mitigation measures in schools were lifted in early October 2021 except for a recommendation of weekly testing for staff and students aged 9 years and older who are unvaccinated.
 - o Public Health and Social Measures (PHSM) including a three week lockdown has been introduced due to a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases due to Omicron.
 - Total infection and hospitalisation rates are on a steep upward trend, with the Omicron variant increasingly being detected in positive cases. Within a span of 19 days,
 Omicron is now responsible for ~20% of infections.
 - Children and adolescents have the lowest rate of Omicron infections so far.
 - o Schools have closed early for the holiday period and the 5-11 year old vaccination program has commenced.
- In England, following school re-opening, infections increased mostly in 12-15 year olds followed by primary school ages.
 - o Infection then decreased particularly in children 10-19 years of age, but also in children aged 5-9 years, before increasing slightly again, and now decreasing.
 - o Infections in children 5-9 and 10-14 years are the highest of all ages, and aged 0-4 years remained amongst the lowest of all age groups.
 - Vaccine uptake is low in 12-15 year olds (-46% single dose, which was the recommended schedule for this age group in the UK until late November 2021) and -62% single dose in 16-17 year olds. Infections declined in children aged 5-19 years, following the extension of the vaccination program to 12-17 year olds in mid-September 2021.
 - o There was an initial increase in hospitalisations in the 5-14 year age group but this is now stable and rates in children this age remain the lowest compared to all other age groups. Hospitalisations include children who test positive, irrespective of the reason for admission, so is an overestimate of hospitalisations for COVID-19.
 - Mandatory mask wearing indoors, work from home and proof of vaccination have been re-introduced due to an increase in COVID-19 cases across Europe. Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years and six months of age and produce a negative PCR test result are not required to isolate, unless they are close contacts of a case with the Omicron variant.
- In **Finland**, where ~76% of 12-15 year olds and ~83% of 16-19 year olds have received at least one dose of vaccine, there has been an increase in infections in all age groups, especially in children aged <15 years.
 - o Hospitalisations remain very low in children and adolescents (up until the last report on 10 Dec 2021). There have been no deaths in anyone <30 years old.
 - o There are far fewer infections and hospitalisations in the vaccinated compared to the unvaccinated.
 - o 5-11 year old children who have underlying medical conditions or live with clinically vulnerable people are now offered COVID-19 vaccine.
- In **Scotland**, infections and hospitalisations increased in children with the return to in-person learning but then declined. There is now an increase in cases with unvaccinated 12-15 year olds having the highest rates of infection of all ages.
 - o Hospitalisations include children who test positive, irrespective of the reason for admission, so is an overestimate of hospitalisations for COVID-19.
 - o There has been a total of three deaths due to COVID-19 amongst children aged 0-14 years old throughout the entire pandemic.
 - Masks are recommended in secondary schools in Scotland.
 - The country has vaccinated ~62% of 12-15 year olds with a single dose.
- In Singapore, schools re-opened with <70% total vaccine coverage in July 2021.
 - Currently there is a downward trend in infections with ~500 cases per day.
 - o There has been one ICU admission due to MIS-C and no deaths in children for the entire pandemic.
 - A total of five cases of MIS-C have been reported, all from the recent Delta wave.
 - o Mitigation measures now include vaccination of 12+ years, mask wearing, cohorting and screening with rapid antigen testing (RAT).
- In South Africa, restrictions including a partial curfew and mandatory masks for those aged six years and older have been in place since early October 2021.
 - o Infections in children aged 5-19 years old increased following the re-opening of schools in early August 2021, before decreasing in early September.
 - o Infections across all age groups are now on the rise, with Omicron becoming the predominant variant, and there has been an increase in overall hospitalisations. However, many admissions are incidental (admitted for other reasons and subsequently test positive).
 - The Omicron case fatality rate, which means the proportion of infected people who die, in all ages is much lower than previous waves. For children it is very low and is 0 for children 5-9 years old.
 - A total of 671 deaths in children with COVID-19 have been reported, accounting for <0.1% of all COVID-19 deaths in the country.







- In the **United States**, there are large differences in infection and hospitalisation rates (up to four-fold differences) and the number of deaths in children between States and Territories most likely due to differences in vaccination coverage and adherence to PHSM.
 - Where there is high uptake of PHSM, such as in San Francisco, there are low infection and hospitalisation rates in children, and infections have declined in all age groups with school reopening.
 - There is currently a downward trend in infections and hospitalisations in most US states including in unvaccinated children <12 years.
 - o Hospitalisations include children who test positive, irrespective of the reason for admission, so is an overestimate of hospitalisations for COVID-19.
 - o There have been 655 deaths in children with COVID-19 throughout the pandemic, accounting for <0.2% of all COVID-19 deaths in the US.
 - Texas has had the highest number of child deaths (115) and there are six States that have reported 0 deaths throughout the entire pandemic⁵ (data up to report #2).
 - A total of 5973 cases of MIS-C have been reported, including 52 deaths (data up to report #1).
 - o Since November, all 5-11 year old children are offered COVID-19 vaccine with a three week interval between doses.

Summary of COVID-19 epidemiology in children and adolescents

Country	Cases	Hospitalisations	MIS-C/PIMS-TS	Total deaths^
VIC, Australia	Stable	Not available	Not available	2 ^b
NSW, Australia	1	Stable*	Not available	1 ^b
Canada	Stable	↓*	Not available	19 ^b
Denmark	↑	↑*	Not available	3ь
England, UK	↓	Stable	Not available	71 ^b
Finland	1	↑*	Not available	0
Scotland, UK	↓	Stable	Not available	3ª
Singapore	↓	1	5 cases	0
South Africa	↑	↑*	Not available	671 ^b
USA	↓	↓	5973 cases	655⁵

Note: Trends and values are for children only, unless otherwise specified.







^{*}Available data includes both children and adults.

[^]Age range for child deaths between 0-19y except Scotland (0-14y) and USA (0-17y). Deaths ªdue to COVID-

¹⁹ or bwith COVID-19.

https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/



Abbreviation	Term
MIS-C	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children
NSW	New South Wales, Australia
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PHSM	Public health & social measures
PIMS-TS	Paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome
RAT	Rapid antigen testing
TTIQ	Test, trace, isolate, quarantine





Australia: Victoria

(population 6.6 million)

PHSM ⁶	Schools & mitigation ⁷	Vaccination coverage ⁸
As of 19 Nov 2021: Phase D All gathering limits, capacity and density limits removed, masks only required in limited high-risk or low-vaccinated settings including retail, onsite work can return for fully vaccinated people, all shops open, TTIQ, QR check-in, proof of vaccination to attend some premises	All students returned to onsite fulltime schooling from 1 Nov 2021 and all closed for holidays from 18 Dec Standard PHSM, staggered return, cohorting, masks in primary & secondary, mandatory vaccination for staff from 18 Oct, RAT available for students and staff who are close contacts at an educational setting, all educational contacts can return to school after a negative standard PCR following exposure Mandatory vaccination for staff	Age group (years) 1st dose (%) 2nd dose (%) 12-15 87.8 82.0 16+ 93.7 92.0 Third dose for immunocompromised available from early Oct 2021, booster dose available to all eligible adults aged 18y+. Coverage data not available. Vaccination for 5-11y will become available from 10 Jan 2022.
Infections by age group ^{9,10}	Hospitalisations in children ¹¹	Deaths by age group 12
Weekly cases in Victoria by age group -0.9 -10.19 -2000 -3003 -3003 -40.49 -50.99 -60.69 -70.79 -80.89 -90+ A total of 13 cases of the Omicron variant have been detected as of 16 December 2021	No age breakdown Victorian hospitalisation and ICU counts exclude COVID-19 patients who are still in hospital but no longer infectious	People who have passed away with COVID-19 19 10/12/2023 Agrigroup Mode Femole Total







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https://www.health.vic.gov.au/media-releases/coronavirus-update-for-victoria-16-december-2021
https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-coronavirus-covid-19-data

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/additional-covid-19-case-data#cases-in-hospital

Australia: New South Wales

(population 8.2 million)

PHSM13

Mandatory masks indoors and on public transport, TTIQ, QR check-in, all shops open, proof of vaccination to attend some premises

Schools & mitigation 14, 15

All students returned to onsite fulltime schooling from 8 Nov 2021 and all closed for holidays from 18 Dec

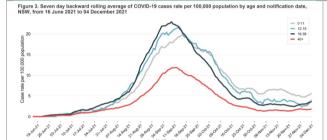
Standard PHSM, RAT home testing for educational contacts Mandatory vaccination for staff from 8 Nov 2021

Vaccination coverage 16

Age group (years)	1 st dose (%)	2 nd dose (%)
12-15	81.4	77.9
16+	048	03.3

Third dose for immunocompromised available from early Oct 2021, booster dose available to all eligible adults aged 18y+. Coverage data not available. Vaccination for 5-11y will become available from 10 Jan 2022.

Infections by age group 17



	Week o		26 Nov to 04
	04 Dec 2021	27 Nov 2021	Dec 2021
Gender			
Female	12 (52.2%)	-	12 (52.2%)
Male	11 (47.8%)	-	11 (47.8%)
Age group		-	
0-9	2 (8.7%)		2 (8.7%)
10-19	9 (39.1%)	-	9 (39.1%)
20-29	1 (4.3%)	-	1 (4.3%)
30-39	2 (8.7%)	-	2 (8.7%)
40-49	5 (21.7%)	-	5 (21.7%)
50-59	3 (13.0%)	-	3 (13.0%)
60-69	1 (4.3%)	-	1 (4.3%)
70-79	0	-	0
80-89	0	-	0
Vaccination status			
Fully vaccinated	14 (60.9%)	-	14 (60.9%)
Partially vaccinated	4 (17.4%)	-	4 (17.4%)
No effective dose	3 (13.0%)	-	3 (13.0%)
Under investigation*	0	-	0
Not eligible (aged 0-11 years)	2 (8.7%)	-	2 (8.7%)
Source of infection			
Overseas acquired	8 (34.8%)		8 (34.8%)
Locally acquired	15 (65.2%)	-	15 (65.2%)
Clinical Severity		-	
Hospitalised	0	-	0
ICU	0	-	0
Deaths	0	-	0
Total	23 (100%)	-	23 (100%)

Hospitalisations in children 18

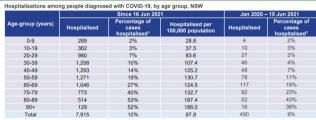
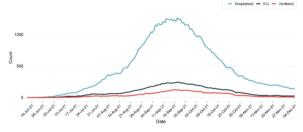


Figure 5b. Number of cases in hospital, in ICU and ventilated by date, NSW, from 16 June to 04 December 2021



Many admissions in <12y children are for social reasons as parents are hospitalised for treatment of COVID-19. ~1% of primary school age cases are admitted for treatment of COVID-19. Graph is not available by age group.

Deaths by age group 19

Table 6. Deaths following recent infection with COVID-19, by age group, from January 2020 to 04 December 2021

		Since 16 Jun 202	Jan 2020 – 15 Jun 2021		
Age-group (years)	Number of deaths	Case fatality rate	Fatality rate per 100,000 population ²	Number of deaths	Case fatality rate ²
0-9	0	0%	0.0	0	0%
10-19	1	<1%	0.1	0	0%
20-29	6	<1%	0.5	0	0%
30-39	15	<1%	1.3	0	0%
40-49	27	<1%	2.6	0	0%
50-59	66	1%	6.8	1	<1%
60-69	103	3%	12.3	4	1%
70-79	132	7%	22.7	15	4%
80-89	164	17%	59.8	20	16%
90+	62	25%	89.4	16	38%
Total	576	1%	7.1	56	1%

Proportion of cases with a severe outcome (ICU and/or death) amongst all cases, by age, time of infection, and vaccination

Age-group (years)	% cases with severe outcomes (ICU and/or death)							
	Jan 2020 - 15 Jun 2021		16 Jun - 04 Dec 2021: Fully vaccinated		16 Jun – 04 Dec 2021: Un-vaccinated			
0-9	0%	(0 / 251)	-	-	<1%	(10 / 12,850)		
10-19	<1%	(1 / 325)	0%	(0 / 238)	<1%	(28 / 10,216)		
20-29	<1%	(4 / 1,115)	<1%	(2 / 1,298)	1%	(98 / 10,050		
30-39	1%	(15 / 1,098)	<1%	(5 / 1,582)	2%	(155 / 7,930)		
40-49	2%	(12 / 718)	<1%	(4 / 1,455)	3%	(180 / 5,486)		
50-59	4%	(30 / 710)	1%	(15 / 1,245)	7%	(266 / 3,750)		
60-69	7%	(44 / 656)	2%	(17 / 861)	13%	(230 / 1,768)		
70-79	12%	(46 / 394)	6%	(37 / 606)	23%	(163 / 707)		
80-89	21%	(26 / 122)	11%	(34 / 316)	37%	(130 / 356)		
90+	38%	(16 / 42)	21%	(24 / 123)	44%	(28 / 65)		
Total	4%	(194 / 5,431)	2%	(138 / 7,724)	2%	(1,288 / 53,178		

One 15 year old died with pneumococcal meningitis and COVID-19





https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/vaccination-requirements-for-school-sites

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https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/covid-19-vaccination-daily-rollout-update

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Canada

(population 38 million)

PHSM²⁰ Schools & mitigation 21,22 Vaccination coverage²³ Age group 1st dose Fully vaccinated* Standard PHSM including TTIQ and mask wearing encouraged in shared spaces and Re-opened in Sep 2021 Standard PHSM and additional measures subject to local advice (years) (%) (%) depending on local advice: physical distancing, 12+ 89.6 86.7 cohorting, masks when required, screening tests 5-11 17.5 0.6 12-17 86.5 82.0 *Canada also uses the J&J/Janssen vaccine which is a singledose vaccine. Third/booster doses have been available to high-risk individuals in phases since Sep 2021, coverage data not available. Vaccination of 12y+ commenced mid-May 2021 and 5-11y in mid-Nov. Infections by age group 24, 25 Deaths by age group²⁷ Hospitalisations in children²⁶ Figure 7. Age and gender distribution of COVID-19 cases deceased 7 pm EST (n=29,678 1) Figure 7. Age and gender 4 distribution of COVID-19 cases hospitalized vin Canada as of December 10, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=93,375 1) in Canada as of December 10, 2021. Figure 5. $\boxed{\text{Distribution} \, }$ of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported to PHAC by vaccination status as of November 27, 2021 Male Female Other 12.19 n = 881 (0.9%) 20-29 n = 86 (0.3%) n = 7,180 (7.7%) 40-49 n = 472 (1.6%) 50-59 n = 1,292 (4,4%) Number (Proportion (%)) British Columbia (pop. 5.1 million): Figure 6. Daily number of hospital beds and ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients as of December 13, 2021 Note: This data has not been updated since the previous report (3 Dec 2021) There have been 19 deaths with COVID-19 in children aged 0-19v throughout the pandemic







²⁰ https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html

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Denmark

PHSM²⁸

(population 5.9 million)

Reinstatement of certain measures in late Nov 2021, including indoor mask wearing and digital pass (proof of vaccination or negative

COVID-19 test) for shops and restaurants; partial lockdown reinstated from 19 Dec

Previously all PHSM lifted on 8 Oct 2021, except for mask wearing in airports & hospitals

Schools & mitigation 29

Re-opened in May 2021 and closed early for winter holidays

Standard PHSM; PCR or RAT screening tests: Recommended weekly for staff & students from grade 1 unless fully vaccinated or previously infected with COVID-19 in the last 6 months, twice weekly tests recommended for areas with high infection rates. Schools closed early for winter holiday.

Vaccination coverage 30

Deaths by age group³⁶

64.287

570.502

Confirmed

Age group	1st dose	2 nd dose
(years)	(%)	(%)
12+	79.7	76.6

Commenced 3rd/booster vaccination for people 65+v in late Oct 2021 and for all adults from late Nov, coverage data not available.

Vaccination for 5-11y age group commenced late Nov 2021, coverage data not available.

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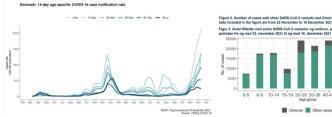
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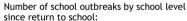
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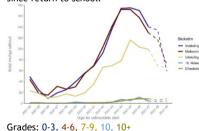
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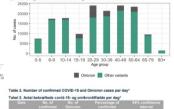
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Infections by age group 31,32,33









	No. of confirmed SARS-CoV-2 cases		Percentage of confirmed SARS-CoV-2 cases (%)	95% confidence interval
22-11-2021	4,514	1	0.0 %	0%-0.1%
23-11-2021	4,718	1	0.0 %	0%-0.1%
24-11-2021	4,033	0	0.0 %	0%-0.1%
25-11-2021	4,106	2	0.0 %	0%-0.2%
26-11-2021	4,163	4	0.1 %	0%-0.3%
27-11-2021	3,852	2	0.1 %	0%-0.2%
28-11-2021	3,893	10	0.3 %	0.1%-0.5%
29-11-2021	5,096	11	0.2 %	0.1%-0.4%
30-11-2021	5,425	25	0.5 %	0.3%-0.7%
01-12-2021	4,552	74	1.6 %	1.3%-2.0%
02-12-2021	4,595	60	1.3 %	1.0%-1.7%
03-12-2021	5,175	73	1.4 %	1.1%-1.8%
04-12-2021	5,099	102	2.0 %	1.6%-2.4%
05-12-2021	4,805	165	3.4 %	2.9%-4.0%
06-12-2021	7,110	348	4.9 %	4.4%-5.4%
07-12-2021	7,340	566	7.7 %	7.1%-8.4%
08-12-2021	6,694	704	10.5 %	9.8%-11.3%
09-12-2021	6,643	756	11.4 %	10.6%-12.2%
10-12-2021	6,975	884	12.7 %	11.9%-13.5%
11-12-2021	6,717	1,109	16.5 %	15.6%-17.4%
12-12-2021	7,177	1,410	19.6 %	18.7%-20.6%
13-12-2021	Data pending	2,001	Data pending	Data pending
14-12-2021	Data pending	700	Data pending	Data pending
15-12-2021	Data pending	1	Data pending	Data pending

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Hospitalisations in children 34,35

la	lt	570.502	21.636 (4)	14.561 (67)	4169	10.345	11.291
90	+	2.400	892 (37)	811 (91)	56	521	371
80-8	19	9.219	3.373 (37)	3.012 (89)	273	1.661	1.712
70-7	9	23.344	4.325 (19)	3.707 (86)	379	1.806	2.519
60-6	9	37.418	3.131 (8)	2.253 (72)	444	1.274	1.857
50-5	9	67.762	3.229 (5)	1.908 (59)	699	1.430	1.799
40-4	9	82.102	2.428 (3)	1.183 (49)	726	1.187	1.241
30-3	9	79.217	1.972 (2)	863 (44)	701	1.161	811
20-2	:9	105.166	1.402 (1)	587 (42)	512	858	544
10-1	.9	99.587	415 (0)	136 (33)	158	229	186
0	9	64.287	469 (1)	101 (22)	221	218	251
Mdersgrupp		kræftede tilfælde	Indlagte i alt (%)	Heraf med komorbiditet (%)	Korte indlæggelser**	Indlagte kvinder	Indlagte mænd
Age group	cases		(%)	Comorbid. (%)	hospital stay	Hospitalised females	Hospitalise males

For the entire pandemic, a total of 36 children in ICU. which included 12 children with comorbidities

Graph is not available by age

group

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Total of 3 deaths with COVID-19 in children aged 0-19y throughout the pandemic

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England, UK

PHSM³⁷

(population 56.6 million)

Standard PHSM including TTIQ and mandatory mask wearing indoors, work from home default, proof of vaccination/negative test required for certain venues; previously most PHSM lifted until re-introduced in late Nov 2021

Close contacts of a case with the Omicron variant must isolate for 10 days

Re-opened after summer holiday in mid-Sep 2021 Standard PHSM, cohorting, mask wearing recommended for adults and students from year 7 onwards, twice-weekly RAT screening for staff and secondary school students, vaccination of 16-17y commenced mid-Aug & 12-15y commenced mid-Sep 2021 (single dose)

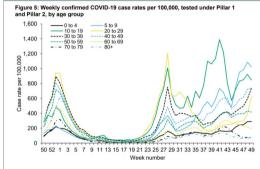
Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18.5y and produce a negative PCR test result do not need to isolate; contacts of a case with the Omicron variant must isolate

Vaccination coverage 39

Age gro	oup		
(years)	1 st dose (%)	2 nd dose (%)	3 rd /booster (%)
12+	89.1	81.3	44.1
12-15	45.5	0.9	-
16-17	61.6	30.2	1.4
Third/ho	ostar dosa available for a	II 18v+ and other high	-risk groups

Third/booster dose available for all 18y+ and other high-risk groups

Infections by age group 40,41



Estimated daily percentage of the population testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) on nose and throat swabs by age group,

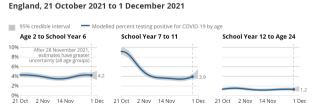
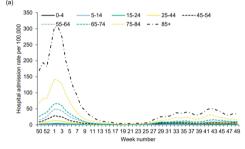


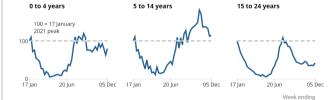
Figure 43: Weekly hospital admission rate by age group for new (a) COVID-19 positive cases and (b) influenza reported through SARI Watch

Hospitalisations in children 42,43

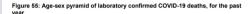
Schools & mitigation 38

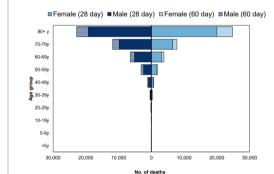


COVID-19-positive hospital admissions as a percentage of the rate during the January peak (rate in week ending 17 January = 100%), by age, England



Deaths by age group 44





Deaths with COVID-19 in the past year:

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Finland

(population 5.5 million)

PHSM ⁴⁵	Schools & mitigation ⁴⁶	Vaccination coverage 47,48			
Mask wearing encouraged in crowded areas, TTIQ, physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette	Many schools have reopened from Sep 2021 Standard PHSM, cohorting, masks, vaccination of 12y+ commenced early Aug 2021	Age group 1st dose 2nd dose 3rd/booster (years) (%) (%) (%) 12+ 87.4 83.0 12.3 12-15 76.0 66.7 0.2 16-19 83.2 75.4 0.4 Third/booster dose is recommended for females 12y+, males 30y+ and high-risk individuals. Vaccine available to 5-11y children in high-risk groups.			
Infections by age group 4950	Hospitalisations in children ⁵¹⁵²	Deaths by age group ⁵³			
Finland: 14-day age-specific COVID-19 case notification rate - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 50-64y = 16-70y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 25-09y = 10-64y = 10-yr - clay = 15-24y = 10-yr - clay = 15-2	Finland: hospital occupancy by COVID-19 cases	Deaths by age group (for the whole period) 1,000 1,000 1,000 13 24 66 129 0 0 9 20 29 40 40 60 60 80*			
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Scotland, UK

(population 5.5 million)

PHSM ⁵⁴	Schools & mitigation ⁵⁵	Vaccination coverage ⁵⁶			
Mandatory masks indoors, TTIQ, screening tests, work from home encouraged, regular asymptomatic lateral flow tests encouraged	Re-opened after summer holiday in mid-Sep 2021 Standard PHSM, cohorting, mask wearing recommended for adults and students from year 7 onwards, twice-weekly RAT screening for staff and secondary school students, vaccination of 16-17y commenced mid-Aug & 12-15y commenced mid-Sep 2021 (single dose) Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18.5y and produce a negative PCR test result do not need to isolate	Age group 1st dose 2nd dose 3rd/booster (years) (%) (%) (%) 12+ 91.3 83.3 48.4 12-15 62.0 3.0 0.4 16-17 79.2 31.8 3.1 Third/booster dose for 40y+ and other high-risk individuals, commenced Sep 2021.			
Infections by age group ⁵⁷	Hospitalisations in children ⁵⁸	Deaths by age group ^{59,60}			
Figure 14: COVID-19 case rate per 190,000 individuals by vaccination status and age group, seven day rolling average from 10 May 2021 to 10 December 2021 The state of the st	Hospital admissions related to COVID-19 (3-week rolling average) App-11 App-24	Figure 7: Deaths by age group (weekly total by week beginning, NRS) 350 360 360 360 360 360 360 360 360 360 36			



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Singapore

(population 5.5 million)

PHSM⁶¹

Restrictions re-introduced on 27 Sep 2021 after temporary easing

Mandatory masks indoors & outdoors, TTIQ, work from home, shops open with density limits and digital check-in. vaccination requirements to enter some premises, limits on guests at home

Schools & mitigation 62

Re-opened in Jul 2021 with temporary home-based learning so exams could be undertaken without interruption; secondary schools continue to study onsite; phased return of primary schools from 11 Oct 2021

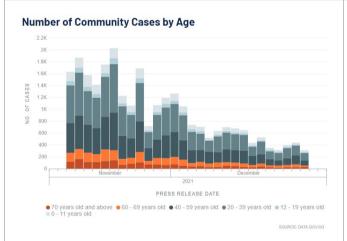
Standard PHSM, cohorting, RAT & temperature screening, mandatory masks 6y+ with exceptions, vaccination of 12y+ commenced early Jun 2021s

Vaccination coverage 63

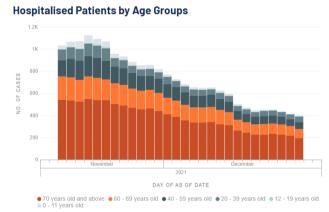
Age group	1st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd /booster
(years)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Total pop.	87.0	87.0	32.0

Third/booster dose for 30y+ and other high-risk individuals from Sep 2021.

Infections by age group 64



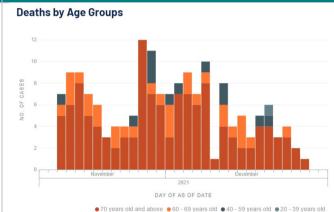
Hospitalisations in children⁶⁵



One child was admitted to ICU due to MIS-C for the entire pandemic

There have been five cases of MIS-C throughout the entire pandemic, last reported 8 Nov 2021





There have been 0 deaths in children throughout the entire pandemic







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South Africa

(population 60.4 million)

PHSM⁶⁷ Schools & mitigation 68 Vaccination coverage 69 Re-opened in Aug 2021 Age Since 1 Oct 2021, restrictions including partial Standard PHSM, ventilation, symptom screening, mandatory masks 6y+ curfew, mandatory masks 6y+ with exceptions, group Fully vaccinated* with exceptions, visitor limits, vaccination of 12v+ commenced mid Oct density limits 2021 (years) (%) 18+ 38.4 *Note: South Africa also uses the J&J/Janssen vaccine which is a single-dose vaccine. Coverage data for 12-17y not available. Infections by age group 70 Hospitalisations in children and deaths by age group 71,72 Genomic surveillance⁷³ Characteristics of COVID-19 cases in South Africa by age and sex Detection Rates: Beta, Delta, C.1.2 and Omicron Hospital admissions of COVID-19 cases by health sector by enidemi Detection rates of variants being monitored in South Africa COVID-19 in-hospital case fatality ratio in first 25 days of second, third and fourth wave, amongst patients with outcome, by age group in years, City of Tshwane Metro, 15 November-9 December 2020, 29 November-9 January 2020, 9 May-10 July 2021 C.1.2 has been detected at ≤ 4% of sequences monthly. Ince increased slightly in October and has also been detected in November. Ince in South Africa on November 8th, accounting for 78% (n=493/630) genomes and 7 November-4 December 2021 Proportion and number of clades by epiweek in South Africa, 2021 (N= 18 383) ● Female ● Male ● Unknown Sequencing data ending epi week 48 (ending 4 December 2021) Currently in epi week 49 (ending 11 Total of 671 deaths with COVID-19 in children 0-19y throughout the entire pandemic Deaths in children account for <0.1% of all deaths in South Africa Delta dominated South Africa's third wave with >80% frequency in October, with C.1.2 detection remaining <49







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USA

(population 332.8 million)

PHSM ⁷⁴	Schools & mitigation ⁷⁵	Vaccination coverage ^{76,77}				
Varies by state The US CDC recommends indoor mask wearing for all	Many schools have reopened from Sep 2021 Standard PHSM, cohorting, masks, PCR & RAT screening,	Age group (years)	1 st dose (%)	Fully vaccinated* (%)	3 rd /booster (%)	
unvaccinated and aged 2y+, physical distancing, hand &	vaccination commenced mid-May for 12+y and early Nov	5-11	20.1	11.3	-	
surface hygiene, TTIQ, but adoption varies by State	2021 for 5-11y, but adoption varies by State	12-17 62.3		52.5	-	
		18+ 84.7 72.3 30.5 *Note: The US also uses the J&J/Janssen vaccine which is a single-dose vaccine. Third/booster dose for 65y+ and other high-risk individuals from Sep 2021, expanded to all 18y+ from late Nov 2021.				
Infections by age group ⁷⁸	MIS-C ⁷⁹	Deaths by age group ^{80,81}				
COVID-19 Weekly Cases per 100,000 Population by Age Group, United States March 01, 2020 - December 18, 2021* 600 Aug 87,2020*	Daily MIS-C Cases and COVID-19 Cases Reported to CDC (7-Day Moving Average)	COVID-19 Weekly Dea	aths per 100,000 Popul March 01, 2020 - Decem	lation by Age Group, United States ber 18, 2021*	(A) CDC	
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Prelimbry weekly rates as of Dac 11, 2021 The constitution of the number of children needing treatment for COVID-19	Note: This data has not been updated since report #1 (3 Dec 2021) There have been 5973 cases of MIS-C throughout the entire pandemic, including 52 deaths The median age of MIS-C cases was 9y and half were between 5-13y	There is marked between 0-0.01% e.g. Texas (n=11 Puerto Rico (n=9	with COVID-19 in inting for <0.2% of variation by Stat is for the vast maj 5); Arizona (n=50); Guam (n=6); H	by End of Week* e by End of Week* e by End of Week* oct 3021 o	ut the entire lity rates are ories ⁸² : nessee (n=26);	



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USA: Comparison of states

A comparison of select US states based on 7-day incidence per 100,000 population and PHSM

INDICATOR	MONTANA (pop. 1.1 million)			TENNESSEE (pop. 6.8 million)		CALIFORNIA (pop. 39.5 million)			
7-day incidence per 100,000 population ⁸⁴	104.8		183.2		111.1				
PHSM	Mask wearing encouraged, physical distancing, TTIQ ⁸⁵			Mask wearing encouraged, physical distancing, TTIQ ⁸⁶		Indoor mask wearing mandatory in many indoor venues for all aged 2+, TTIQ ⁸⁷			
Schools & mitigation	Schools reopened from Aug 2021 Standard PHSM as recommended by US CDC, school-based mask mandates with option for parents to optout, vaccination encouraged, vaccination of 12+y commenced mid-May and 5-11y in early Nov 2021 ⁸⁸		Schools reopened from Aug 2021 Standard PHSM as recommended by US CDC, mask wearing and vaccination encouraged, vaccination of 12+y commenced mid-May and 5-11y in early Nov 2021 ⁸⁹		Schools reopened from Sep 2021 Standard PHSM as recommended by US CDC, mask wearing mandatory for all aged 2+, PCR & RAT screening, vaccination of 12+y commenced mid-May and 5-11y in early Nov 2021, mandatory staff vaccination or weekly testing ⁹⁰				
Vaccination coverage ⁹¹	Age group (years)	1 st dose (%)	Fully vacc.* (%)	Age group (years)	1 st dose (%)	Fully vacc.* (%)	Age group (years)	1 st dose (%)	Fully vacc.* (%)
	5-11 12-17	16.6 47.0	7.1 39.7	5-11 12-17	10.3 40.9	4.5 34.0	5-11 12-17	23.4 77.0	12.2 62.9
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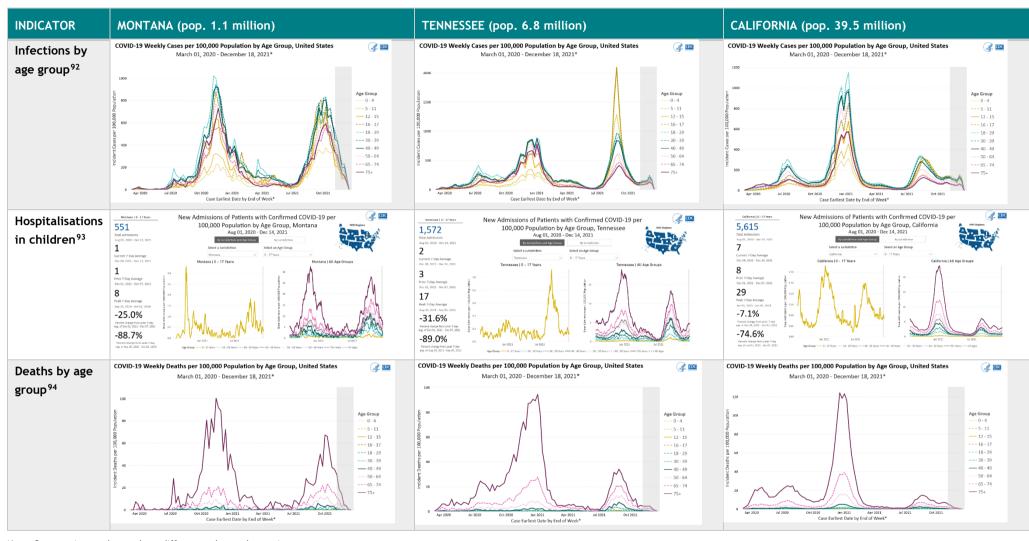




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Note: Comparative graphs may have different scales on the y-axis.







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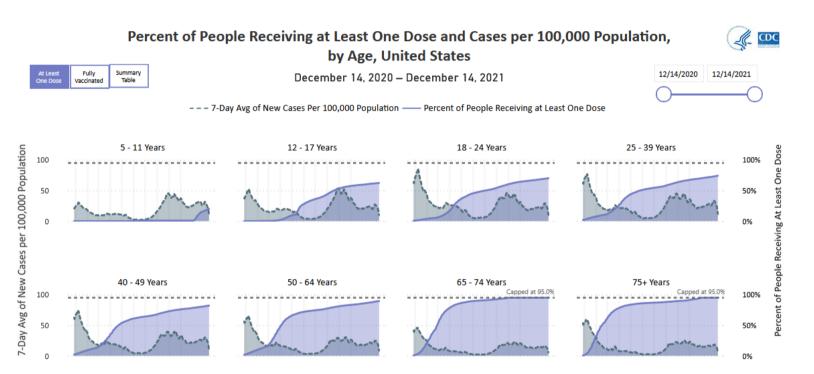
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Jan 2021

Jul 2021

Seven-day incidence per 100,000 population in people who received at least one dose of vaccine, by age group⁹⁵



Jan 2021

Date

Currently, children under age five are not eligible to be vaccinated

Jul 2021

Last Updated: Dec 16, 2021

Jan 2021

Data source: VTrcks, IIS, Federal Pharmacy Program, Federal Entities Program, U.S. Census Bureau 10-year July 2019 National Population Estimates; Visualization: CDC CPR DED Situational Awareness Public Health Science Team

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