



COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Aged 6 months to 5 Years

Monkeypox, Worldwide, 2022

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Conflicts of interest

- Grant from Gilead Foundation for Hepatitis C prevalence study



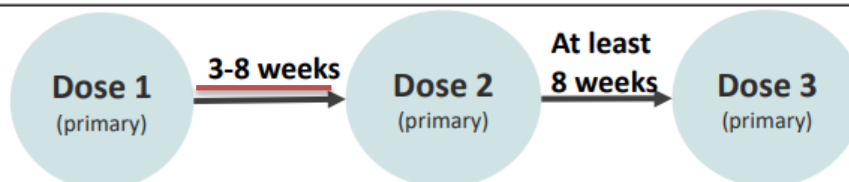
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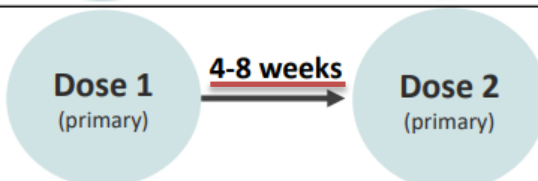
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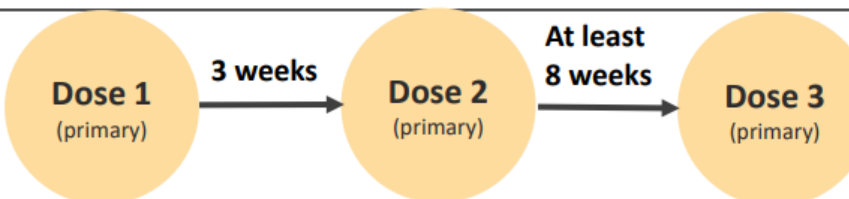


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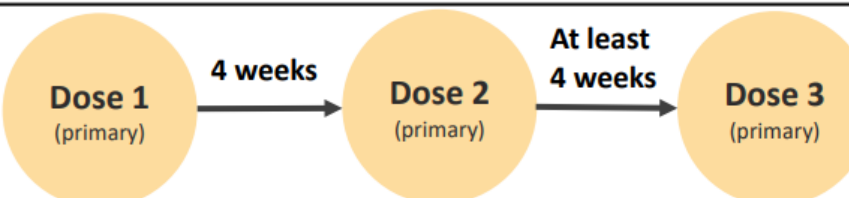


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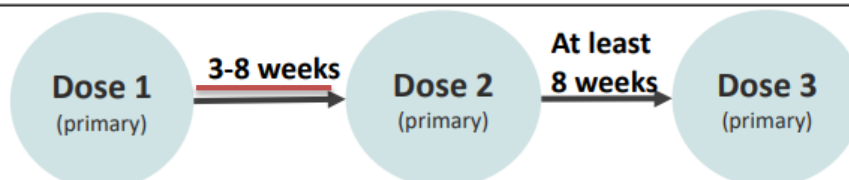
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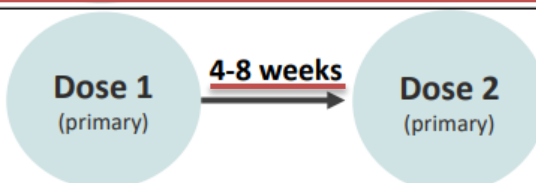
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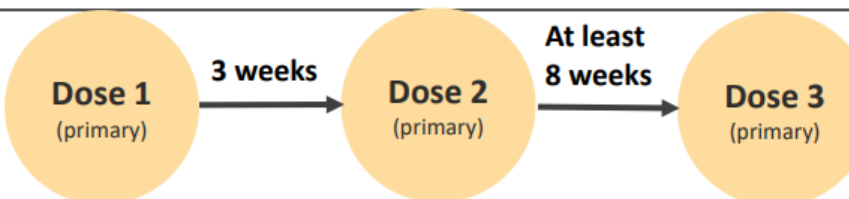


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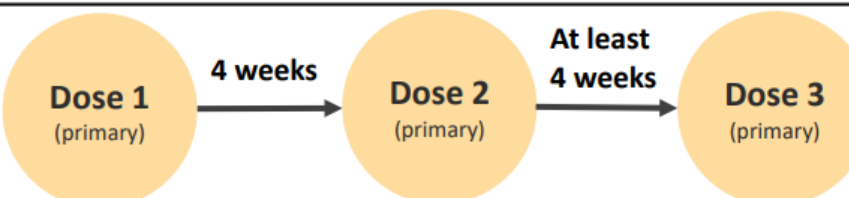


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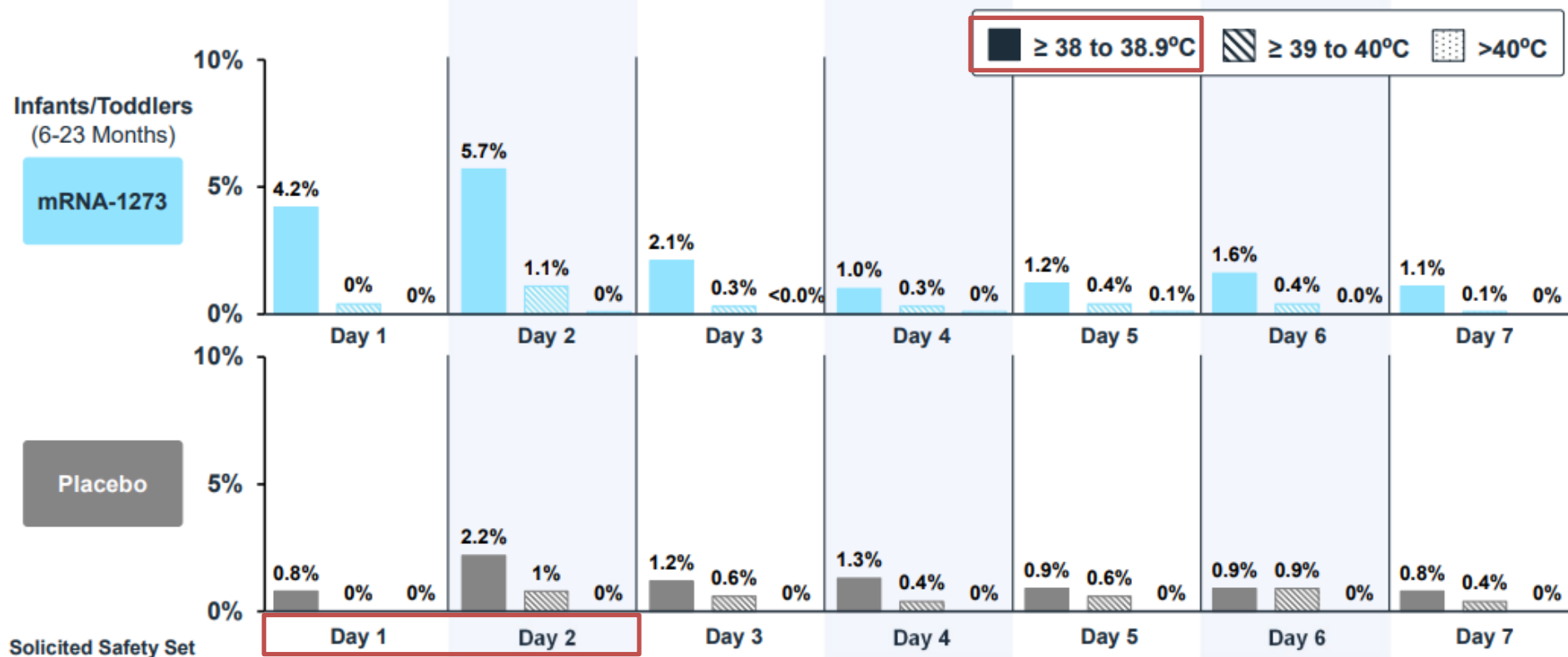
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- Safety N>6,400 25µg 6m–5yr x 12 months (data thru May 2022)
 - Solicited, unsolicited (28d), serious & MIS-C (1 yr)
 - Asked specifically about s/s of myocarditis/pericarditis
 - Median follow-up post-dose 2: 2.5 months
- Met immunogenicity endpoints, equivalent to 18–25yo
 - 6-8% baseline seropositive or day1 SARS-CoV-2 +PCR:
 - >>>higher geometric mean post-vaccine
 - Slightly more fever after dose 1; no diff after dose 2



Fevers by Day and Temperature, Post-Dose 2

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Most fevers occurred within 2 days of vaccination, median duration was 1 day

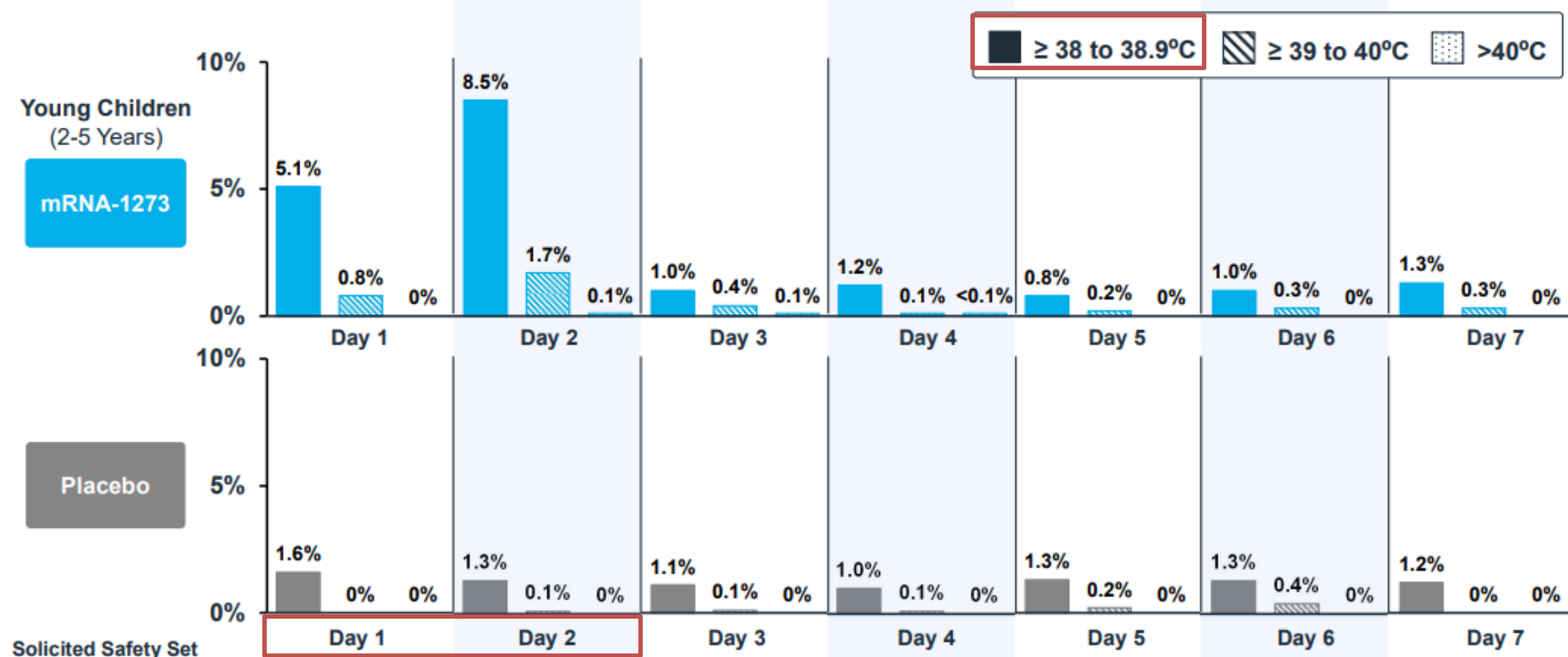




Fevers by Day and Temperature, Post-Dose 2

Study 204 (Part 2): Young Children (2-5 Years)

Most fevers occurred within 2 days of vaccination, median duration was 1 day





Fevers (>40°C or >104°F) within 7 Days of Any Injection

Study 204: Infants/Toddlers (6-23 Months) and Young Children (2-5 Years)

After Any Dose	Young Children (2-5 Years) 25 µg		Infants/Toddlers (6-23 Months) 25 µg	
	mRNA-1273 N = 3,016	Placebo N = 1,007	mRNA-1273 N = 1,758	Placebo N = 585
Fever, % (n)	0.4% (11)	0.2% (2)	0.2% (4)	0.2% (1)

- Duration of peak temperature >40°C lasted <1 day
- 15 events in vaccine recipients
 - 6 had symptoms of concurrent viral infections
- One febrile seizure considered related to vaccination reported in a 17- month old 2 days postdose 1
 - Fever to 103.1°F
 - Child developed a maculopapular rash 2 days after the febrile seizure
 - Received 2nd dose without event



Sensitivity Analyses of Efficacy Against Symptomatic COVID-19

Study 204 (Part 2): Infants / Toddlers (6 - 23 Months), Per Protocol, ≥14 Days Post-Dose 2

	mRNA-1273 25 µg	Placebo
CDC case definition of COVID-19		
Cases, n/N (%)	<u>74</u> /1,512 (4.9%)	<u>52</u> /513 (10.1%)
Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (95% CI)	202	434
VE (%) based on incidence rate (95% CI)	53.5% (32.4, 67.9)	
301 case definition of COVID-19		
Cases, n/N (%)	<u>51</u> /1,512 (3.4%)	<u>30</u> /513 (5.8%)
Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (95% CI)	138	246
VE (%) based on incidence rate (95% CI)	43.7% (8.5, 64.8)	

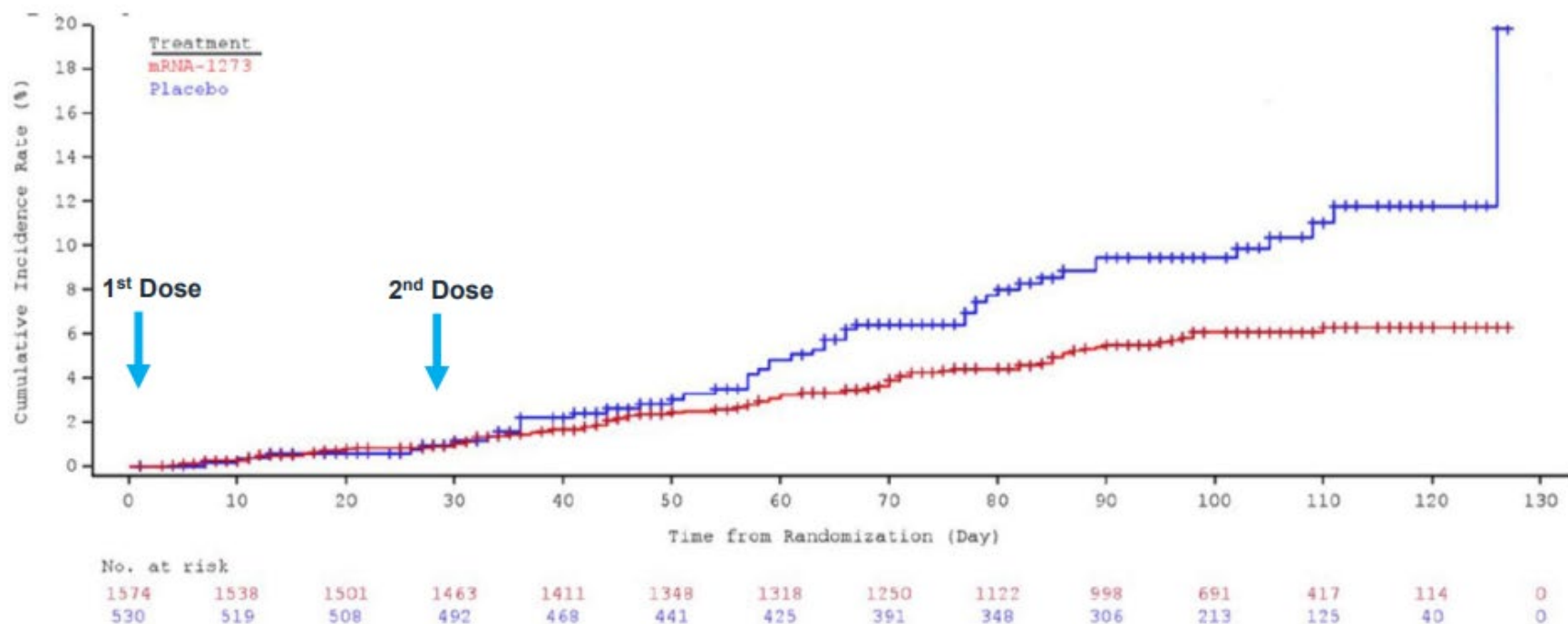
CDC case definition: 1 systemic or 1 respiratory symptom + any positive COVID-19 test (including home tests)

301 case definition: 2 systemic or 1 respiratory symptom + any positive COVID-19 test (including home tests)



Cumulative Incidence Curve of COVID-19 Starting after Dose 1 (CDC Case Definition)

Study 204 (Part 2): Infants & Toddlers (6-23 Months), miTT1 Set





Efficacy Against Symptomatic COVID-19 During Omicron Period

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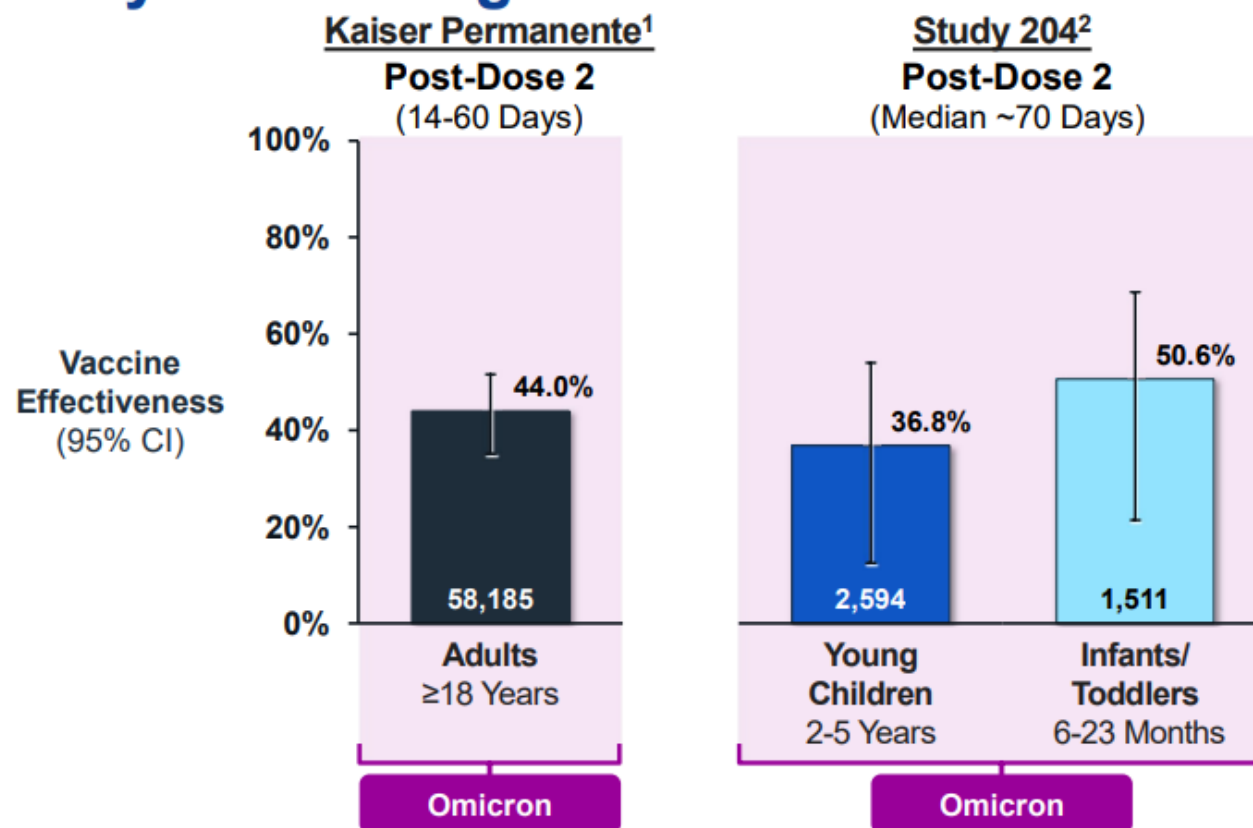
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Cases, n/N (%)	<u>119</u> / 2,594 (4.6%)	<u>61</u> / 858 (7.1%)
Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (95% CI)	175 (145, 209)	277 (212, 356)
VE (%) based on incidence rate (95% CI)	36.8% (12.5, 54.0)	
301 case definition of COVID-19		
Cases, n/N (%)	<u>71</u> / 2,594 (2.7%)	<u>43</u> / 858 (5.0%)
Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (95% CI)	104 (81, 131)	194 (140, 261)
VE (%) based on incidence rate (95% CI)	46.4% (19.8, 63.8)	

CDC case definition: 1 systemic or 1 respiratory symptom + positive RT-PCR

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Real-World Effectiveness (Kaiser Permanente) Compared to Study 204 During Omicron Period



1. Tseng HF et al, 2022; Vaccine Effectiveness against infection
2. Study 204 – Vaccine Efficacy based on CDC Definition



Summary of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

Study 204: Infants, Toddlers and Young Children (6 Months - 5 Years)

Safety (Primary Objective)

- mRNA-1273 was generally well-tolerated in this age group
 - Local and systemic reactions lower than older children and adults
 - Fever in ~25% of participants, mostly grade 1-2, short duration
- 1 related SAE of fever/seizure within 28 days

Immunogenicity (Primary Objective)

- Pre-specified immunogenicity objectives met
- Vaccine immunogenic, GMCs and seroresponse rates non-inferior to young adults
 - *Children (2-5 years)*: GMC ratio 1.01 & difference in seroresponse rates -0.4
 - *Infants/Toddlers (6-23 months)*: GMC ratio 1.28 & difference in seroresponse rates 0.7
- Vaccine effectiveness successfully inferred based on immunogenicity

Efficacy (Secondary Objective)

- Demonstrated efficacy against COVID-19, 14 days after dose 2, during Omicron period
 - *Children (2-5 years)*: 36.8% (CDC definition) & 46.4% (Study 301 definition)
 - *Infants/Toddlers (6-23 months)*: 50.6% (CDC definition) & 31.5% (Study 301 definition)
- Consistent with adult effectiveness against Omicron
- Boosters are under evaluation



Moderna upcoming studies

- Roll-over study for age 6m–5y to give Omicron vaccine booster started late June
 - >3m interval from last vaccine dose
- Baby CoV <6m: no details, but likely to down-dose
- Testing for T-cell responses: will be testing collected blood



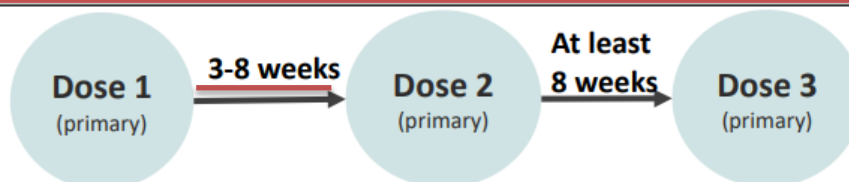
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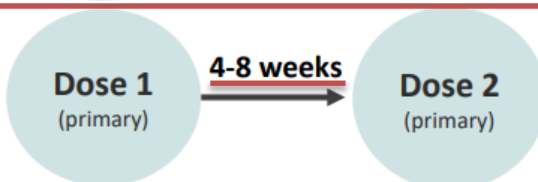
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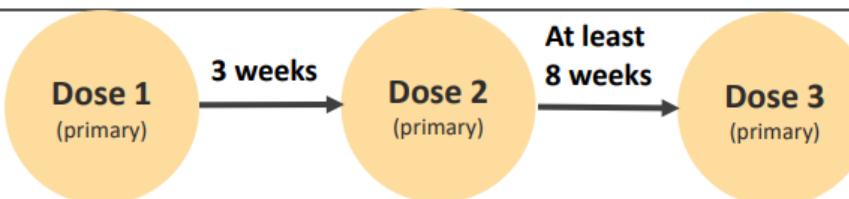


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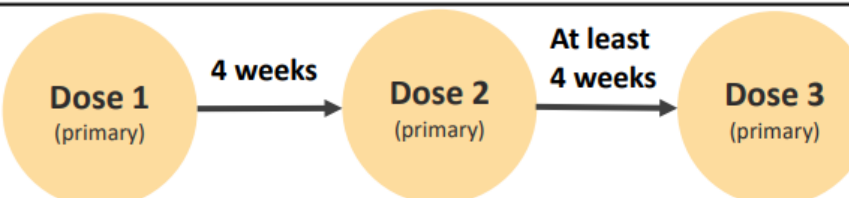


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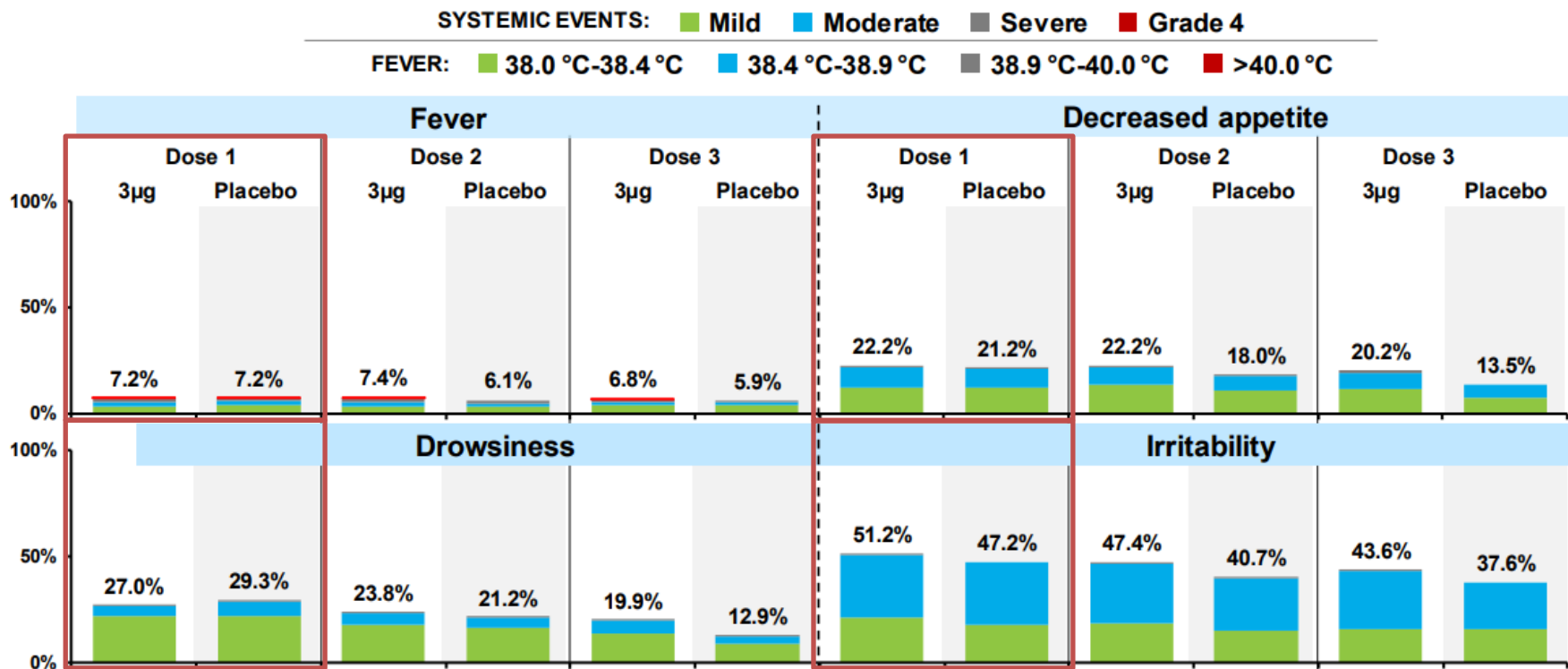
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 - Asked specifically about s/s of myocarditis/pericarditis
 - Median follow-up post-dose 3: 1.3 months*
- Met immunogenicity endpoints, equivalent to 16–25yo
 - 6-23m: 8% baseline seropositivity; 2-5y: 13% baseline*
 - Required 3 doses in age 2 to <5y;
 - Median interval dose 2→3: 16wks 6-23m, 11wks 2-4y*
 - Only a portion blinded for 3rd dose*
 - 3 doses best Omicron immunity both groups

*areas of concern

AGE
6 mo. to <2

Systemic Events Within 7 Days After Each Dose Mostly Mild to Moderate

Similar incidence seen between BNT162b2 and placebo



Decreased appetite severity definition: Mild=decreased interest in eating; Moderate=decreased oral intake; Severe=refusal to feed; Grade 4=ER visit or hospitalization
Drowsiness severity definition: Mild=increased/prolonged sleeping; Moderate=slightly subdued; Severe=Disabling/not interested in daily activity; Grade 4=ER visit or hospitalization
Irritability severity definition: Mild=easily consolable; Moderate=requires increased attention; Severe=inconsolable; Grade 4=ER visit or hospitalization
Dose 1: N= 1768; Dose 2: N= 1738; Dose 3: N=535



AGE
6 mo. to <5

Few Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESIs) Were Reported

- **FDA AESIs (both age groups):**
 - Predominant categories were potential angioedema and hypersensitivity comprising mainly urticarias and rashes
 - Similar incidence between BNT162b2 and placebo for these categories
- **CDC Defined AESIs:**
 - No vaccine related anaphylaxis
 - No myocarditis/pericarditis
 - No Bell's palsy (or facial paralysis/paresis)
 - No MIS-C



AGE
6 mo. to <5

Vaccine Efficacy from 7 Days After Dose 2 to Before Dose 3

Evaluable Population

	6 months to <5 years		2 to <5 years		6 months to <2 years	
	Case Split (BNT162b2:Placebo)	VE (95% CI)	Case Split (BNT162b2:Placebo)	VE (95% CI)	Case Split (BNT162b2:Placebo)	VE (95% CI)
Without prior evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection	163:113	28.3% (8.0%, 43.9%)	90:69	35.9% (11.0%, 53.7%)	73:44	16.1% (-24.9%, 43.1%)
With or without prior evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection	173:120	27.0% (7.1%, 42.5%)	97:73	34.3% (9.7%, 52.0%)	76:47	15.6% (-24.2%, 42.1%)

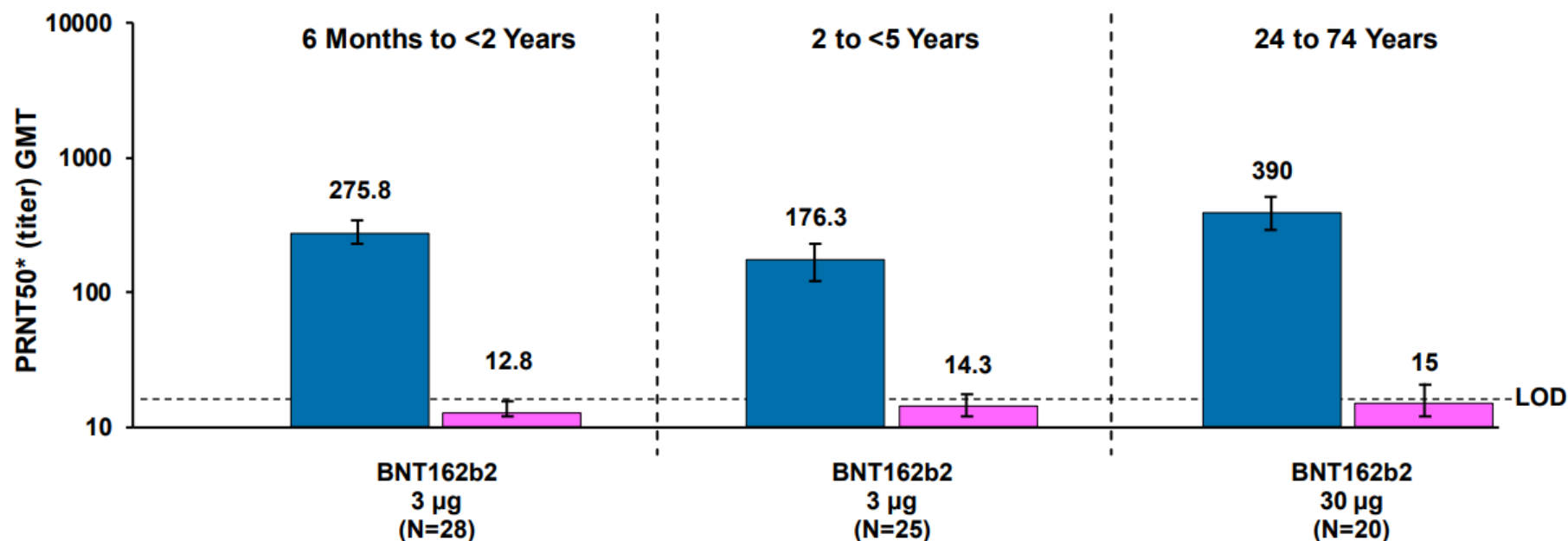


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Robust Immune Response After 2 Doses to Reference Strain with Low Immune Responses to Omicron

1 Month Post-dose 2

■ USA-WA1/2020 (Reference Strain) ■ Omicron BA.1



*PRNT50 = 50% Plaque Reducing neutralizing titers



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Similar Neutralizing Responses to Omicron Observed Across Age Groups One Month After The 3rd Dose

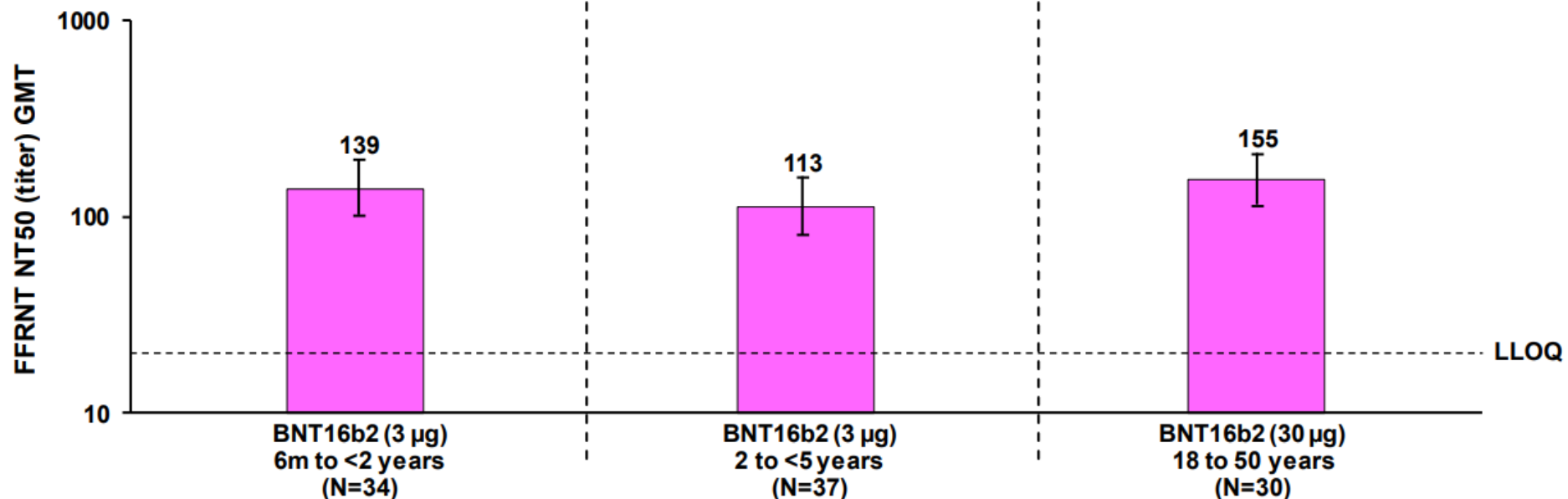
Subjects WITHOUT evidence of existing or preexisting SARS-CoV-2 infection

Median time
between Dose 2 and
Dose 3 (Min, max)

12.9 weeks
(8.6, 20.0)

10.6 weeks
(8.6, 13.7)

13.0 weeks
(11.9, 14.3)





AGE
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Vaccine Efficacy 80% Post-dose 3 During a Period When Omicron Was Predominant

Vaccine Efficacy – First COVID-19 Occurrence From 7 Days After Dose 3

	BNT162b2 (3 µg)		Placebo		VE (%)	(95% CI)
	n / N *	Surveillance Time (n)	n / N *	Surveillance Time (n)		
6 months to <5 years	<u>3 / 992</u>	0.086 (758)	<u>7 / 464</u>	0.039 (348)	80.3 **	<u>(13.9, 96.7)</u>
2 to <5 years	2 / 606	0.056 (481)	5 / 280	0.025 (209)	82.3	<u>(-8.0, 98.3)</u>
6 months to <2 years	1 / 386	0.030 (277)	2 / 184	0.015 (139)	75.5	<u>(-370.1, 99.6)</u>

All the cases post-dose 3 occurred after February 7, 2022 and were confirmed to be omicron

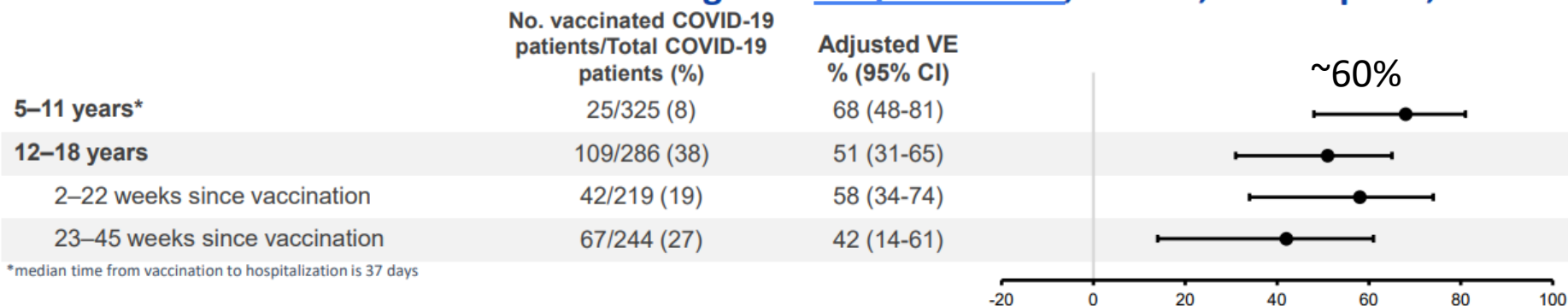
CDC review noted: *Underpowered; **~30% of participants were seropositive at baseline; could over-estimate the efficacy of vaccine (S. Oliver, ACIP 17 June 2022, slide 44)



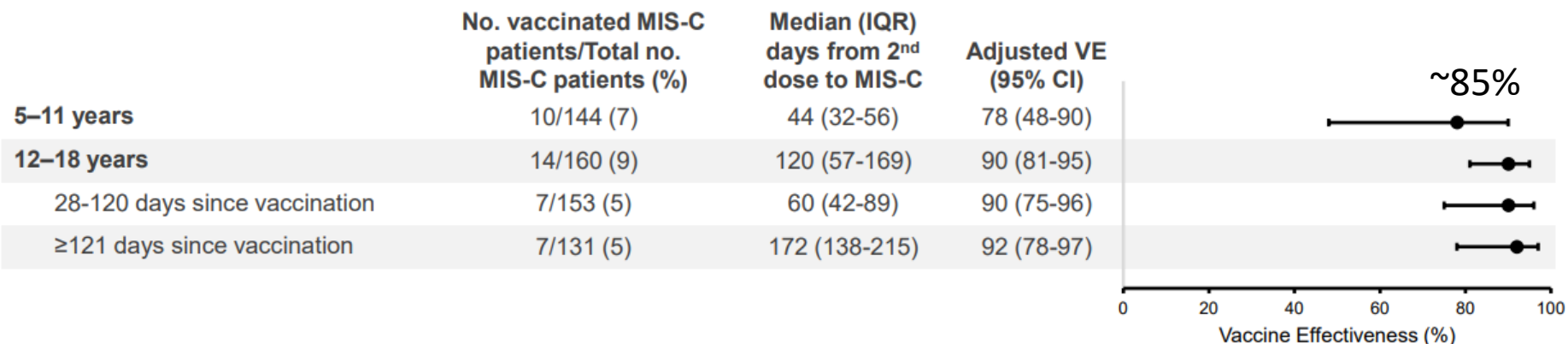
Post-authorization vaccine effectiveness

Overcoming COVID-19 platform

2 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against hospitalization, Dec 19, 2021-Apr 27, 2022



2 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against MIS-C, Jul 1, 2021-Apr 7, 2022





Gaps in knowledge

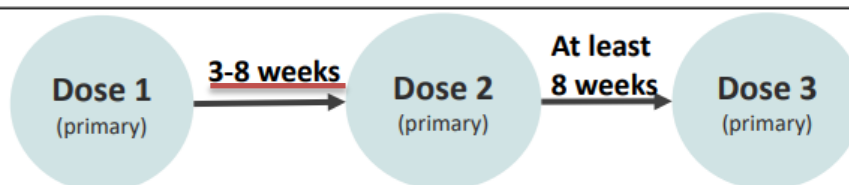
- Longer follow-up after 3rd dose:
 - Rare adverse side effects in this age group
- Role of longer intervals between vaccine doses
- Vaccine (real-world) effectiveness
 - Vs. severe disease and MIS-C?
- Most recommend to delay vaccination at least 3 months after natural SARS-CoV-2 infection



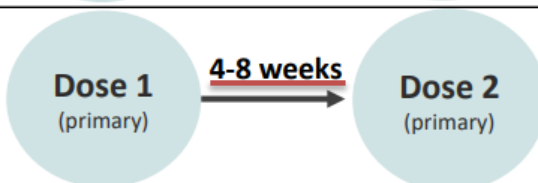
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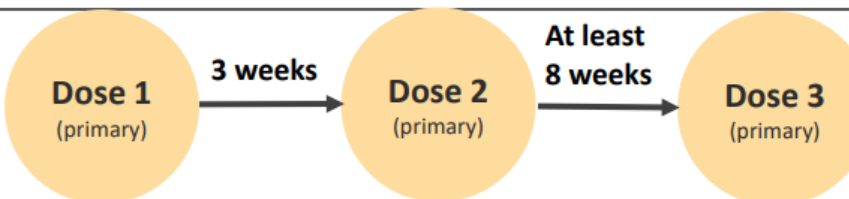


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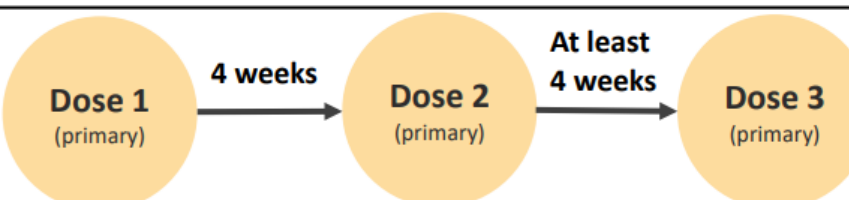


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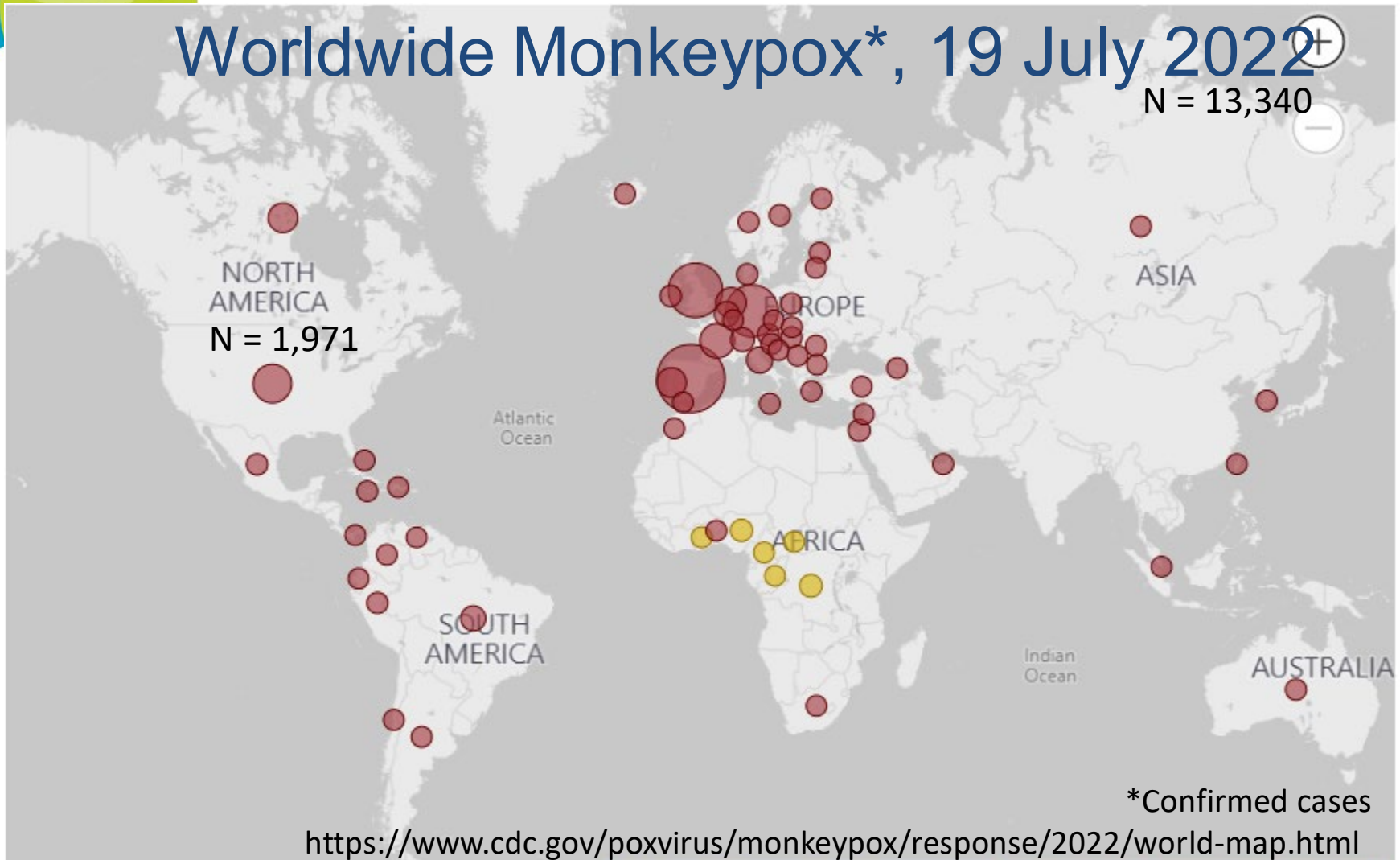




Monkeypox, Worldwide, 2022

Worldwide Monkeypox*, 19 July 2022

N = 13,340



Has historically reported monkeypox

Has not historically reported monkeypox*



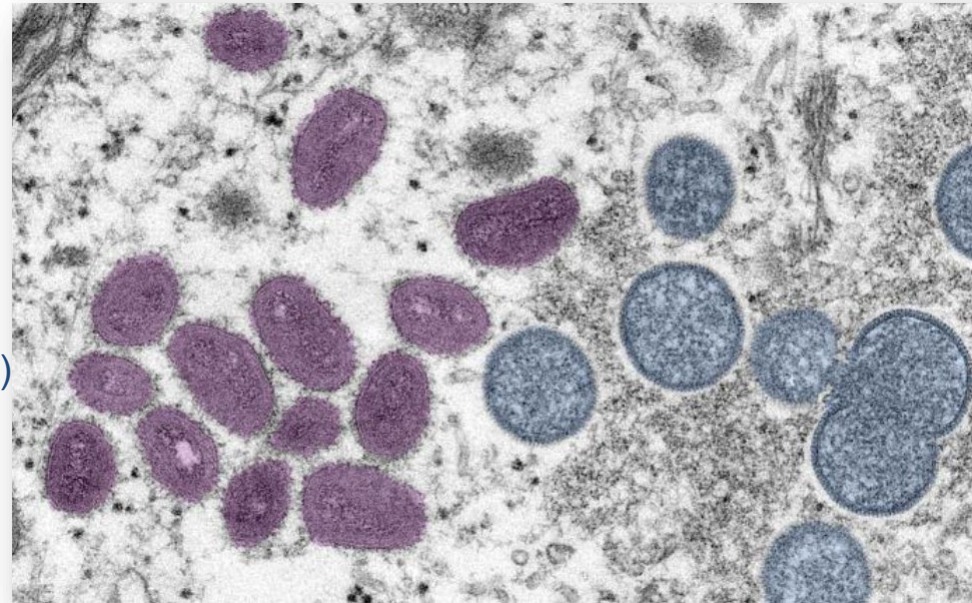
Current worldwide outbreak details:

- Index cases in UK: 7, 12, 16 May 2022
 - Travel-associated: 1
 - Family cluster of unknown etiology: 3
 - STI clinics: 4
- US index case: 17 May 2022, MA via Canada
 - 305 cases; 28 states, DC (28 June)
 - 271 male sex at birth; 5 female sex at birth
 - 36 yrs (20–76 years)
 - 99% male to male sexual contact
 - CC: tenesmus
- Importation → local transmission



Oregon cases

- As of 19 Jul 2022
- 25 cases (4 confirmed, 21 presumptive)
- Onset June 7 to July 10
- 25 males
- Counties: Lane (7), Multnomah (12), Washington (5), Clackamas (1)
- Evidence of community transmission
- Expect more cases: currently in incubation period of “super-spreader” events





What do we know about monkeypox?

- Large Family: *Poxviridae*; Genus: *Orthopoxvirus*
- Ancient double-stranded DNA virus family
- Historical: Zoonotic reservoir, imported animals, travel
- Current: Intimate human contact + travel
- Variants to Nigerian 2017 strain (aka West African clade III)
- Transmission: R_0 ?
 - Close contact with lesions or body fluid, including sexual transmission (2019 Ogoina D et al, PLoS ONE)
 - Contaminated patient environment or items
 - Respiratory droplets



What does monkeypox look like?

- Incubation: 7-14 days (range: 4-21)
- Prodrome: Fever, headache, myalgia, lymphadenopathy, chills, exhaustion
- Rash 1–10 days later face → body: Deep pea-sized papule → pustule → umbilication → scab → healing
- Duration: 2-4 weeks
- Current outbreak has non-classical features:
 - Fewer lesions, more isolated crops
 - Absent fever, lymphadenopathy or delayed after rash
 - Co-infections with other sexually transmitted infections

More Monkeypox Rash Photos

Photo credit: UK Health Security Agency



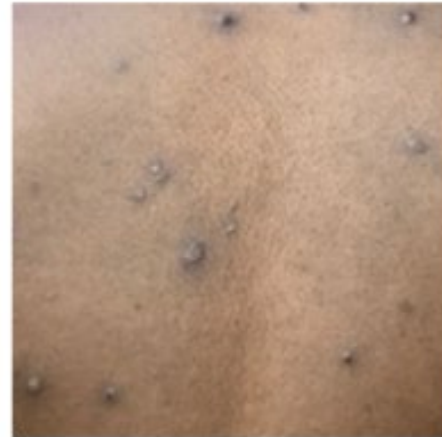
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Examples of Monkeypox Rashes

Photo Credit: NHS England High Consequence Infectious Diseases Network

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Monkeypox differential

- Syphilis (“the great pox”)
- Herpes
- Shingles or Varicella (varicella zoster)
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Staphylococcal pustule, folliculitis
- Wart, human papilloma virus
- Chancroid
- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Granuloma inguinale
- Vaccinia (e.g., from live virus vaccine inoculation)
- Orf virus, sporotrichosis...
- Friction blister



Outcomes

- 1970s: 83% <10 years old, rare secondary transmission
 - <8 years, pregnant, immunocompromised risk for death
- 2017-2019 Nigerian outbreak*, N=21
 - 17 adults, **17 males**
 - Age range 6-45 years (**med 29**, IQR 22, 33)
 - 13 hospitalized, 8 outpatient
 - One pregnant women, 1st trimester, **fetal demise**
 - **10/21 with genital ulcers**
 - 8 with lab testing: 2 HIV+, 2 VDRL+, 2 VZV+
 - One suicide
 - **High secondary transmission rate:** “[...] noteworthy that a substantial number of our cases who [*sic*] were young adults in their reproductive age presenting with genital ulcers, as well as concomitant syphilis and HIV infection.”

*final 68 confirmed, 197 suspected
Ogoina et al 2019 PLoS ONE



Case definitions

- Confirmed: *Monkeypox virus* DNA or culture
- Probable: *Orthopoxvirus* DNA or Ig M positive*
- Suspect: New characteristic rash OR epi + clinical suspicion
- Epidemiology: Within last 21 days:
 - Contact with persons with confirmed or probable or suspect monkeypox (including social networks)
 - Travel
 - Contact with wild animals (dead or alive) endemic to Africa

*without exposure to vaccine



What to do if you suspect monkeypox?

- Don gown, gloves, mask (prefer N95), eye protection
- Mask patient, keep exam room door closed, universal precautions
- Ask about epidemiologic exposures, contacts, risk (e.g., HIV positive)
- Perform thorough skin and mucosal exam for rash
- *Get photos*
- Call local health department to review epi & report suspect case
- Testing: *Orthopoxvirus* testing RT-PCR at OSPHL or Private Lab
- Test for other sexually transmitted disease
- PEP or treatment: Consult with LHD/OHA; they consult with CDC
- Have patient document all close contacts last 21 days
- Educate: No close/sexual contact until lesions completely gone (follow-up)
- Exposed: No sexual/close contact x 21 days from last exposure
- Avoid close contact with animals



Medical countermeasures

- Vaccines
 - JYNNEOS (IMVAMUNE, IMVANEX, MVA)
 - Live, attenuated, non-replicating vaccinia virus
 - ACAM2000
 - Live, replicating vaccinia virus
- Treatment
 - Tecovirimat
 - Vaccinia Immune Globulin IV
 - Cidofovir
 - New drugs



Who gets monkeypox vaccine?

- Pre-exposure prophylaxis:
 - Laboratorians or clinicians who test for or work with orthopoxviruses
 - Certain healthcare and public health response team members designated by public health authorities
- Post-exposure prophylaxis:
 - High degree of exposure: PEP recommended
 - Intermediate: Shared clinical decision-making
 - Low: brief and PPE, PEP not recommended
- Contraindications: Atopic dermatitis, immunosuppression, pregnancy, aged <1 yr, and others



New vaccine strategy: (PEP)++

- Monkeypox vaccine post-exposure prophylaxis
- Vaccinate now people with risk factors for recent exposure
- PEP without the confirmed exposure piece
- Being used in Montreal, UK
- Focus on communities using HIV PrEP



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What can be used to treat monkeypox?

- Those with expanded IND for use for MPXV, available via CDC from the national stockpile
 - Tecovirimat
 - Antiviral for smallpox, $\geq 3\text{kg}$
 - Blocks release of intracellular virus from cell
 - Vaccinia virus IG
 - Cidofovir
 - Inhibits viral DNA polymerase
- Trifluridine eye drops (Viroptic, used for HSV disease)
- Brincidofovir: for smallpox; IND under development



Who gets treatment?

- In consultation state health department (who consults CDC)
- Severe disease:
 - Hemorrhagic, confluent lesions, sepsis, encephalitis
- Risk of severe disease:
 - Young age, pregnant or breastfeeding, atopic dermatitis, severe immune compromise
- In special sites:
 - Eyes, mouth, genitals, anus



How can we prevent spread of MPXV?

- Avoid all contact with lesions. Even scabs are infectious
- Do not share sleeping areas, linens, clothes, cups, utensils
- *Hand hygiene*
- Respiratory and contact precautions
- Travel to endemic countries:
 - Harm reduction with sexual contacts
 - Don't eat "bush meat"
 - Don't import wild animals and rodents
- Avoid encroachment on wild lands
- Don't feed the squirrels





What don't we know?

- Natural history of current clinical presentation?
- Is there an asymptomatic but contagious state?
- Why is this outbreak different?
- How much protection from prior smallpox vaccination?
- How much will vaccines prevent infection or disease?
- How will disease epidemiology change over time?
- Is monkeypox filling a vacant immunologic niche?



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- Have patient document all close contacts last 21 days
- Educate: No close/sexual contact until lesions completely gone (follow-up)
- Exposed: No sexual/close contact x 21 days from last exposure
- Avoid close contact with animals



Oregon Health Authority Resources

Disease Reporting




What is required?

For Health Care Providers and Clinical Laboratories









Health care providers and clinical laboratories are required by law to report confirmed, probable (presumptive) and suspect cases of hMPXV to the state epidemiologist on-call **immediately, day or night** at 971-673-1111.

-  [Information on isolation for patients tested for hMPXV \(pdf\)](#) **Patient home isolation guidance**

For Local Health Departments

-  [Monkeypox \(hMPXV\) Investigative Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)
-  [CDC Orthopox Case Investigation Form \(Short form\) \(pdf\)](#) **Case investigation form**
-  [Submitting specimens to OSPHL for Orthopox \(monkeypox\) testing \(pdf\)](#) **Specimen collection details**

See Also

-  [Monkeypox \(hMPXV\) Frequently Asked Questions \(pdf\)](#) **FAQs**
-  [Monkeypox \(hMPXV\) Frequently Asked Questions \(Spanish\) \(pdf\)](#)
-  [OHA's letter to Community Based Organizations \(CBOs\) \(pdf\)](#)
-  [OHA's letter to Community Based Organizations \(CBOs\) \(Spanish\) \(pdf\)](#)
-  [Guidance for People Exposed to hMPXV \(pdf\) \(July 13, 2022\)](#)
-  [Monkeypox \(hMPXV\) community letter \(pdf\)](#) **LGBTQ community letter**
- [CDC's situation summary for 2022 Monkeypox Outbreak](#)
-  [Social card: what to know about hMPXV in Oregon \(English\)](#)
-  [Social card: what to know about hMPXV in Oregon \(Spanish\)](#)



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More info:
www.cdc.gov/monkeypox



When to Refer

- Monkeypox: report to public health
- COVID vaccines: send me a message or call!



Questions?

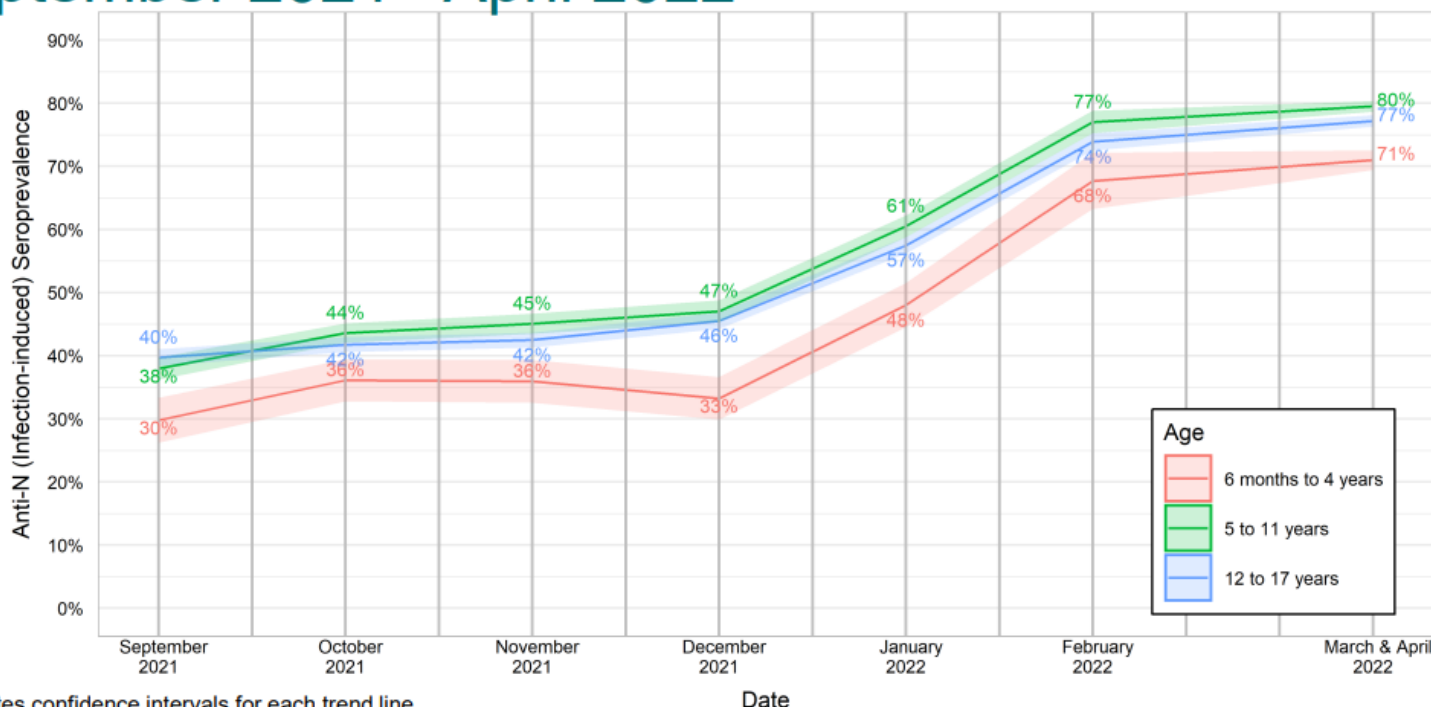
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EXTRA SLIDES



Seroprevalence of infection-induced SARS-CoV-2 antibodies among children ages 6 months–17 years — National Commercial Lab Seroprevalence Study September 2021– April 2022



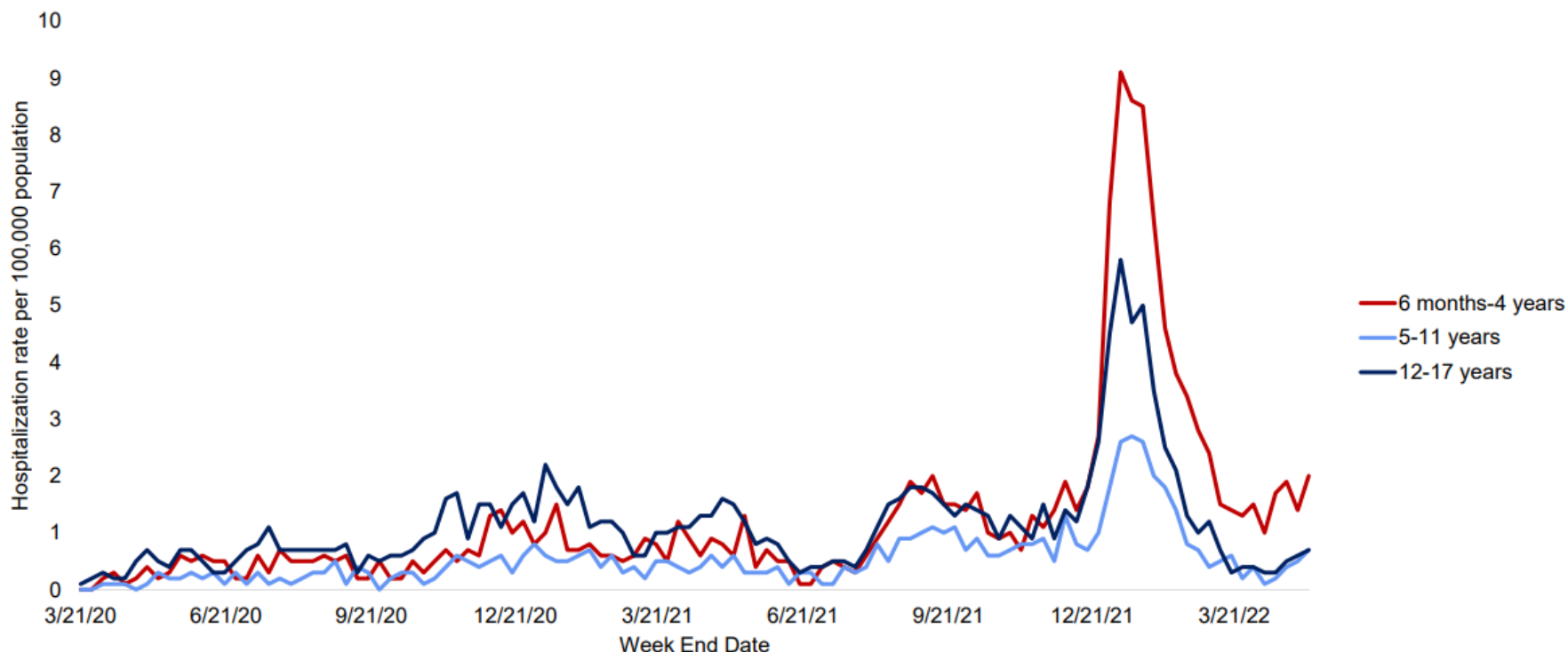
Shading indicates confidence intervals for each trend line.

Data updated for March/April 2022, based on Clarke K, Kim Y, Jones J et al. Pediatric Infection-Induced SARS-CoV-2 Seroprevalence Estimation Using Commercial Laboratory Specimens: How Representative Is It of the General U.S. Pediatric Population? (April 26, 2022). SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4092074> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4092074>



COVID-19-associated hospitalizations among children and adolescents 6 months–17 years, COVID-NET

March 2020 – March 2022 *Ages 6m-4y: 86% admitted primary for COVID-19.*



Source: COVID-NET, https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_3.html. Accessed May 21, 2022.



Percent of children ages 6 months–4 years with COVID-19 associated hospitalization with underlying health conditions

■ At least 1 underlying medical conditions ■ No underlying medical conditions

New Vaccine Surveillance Network, March 2020
– April 2022

46%

54%

COVID-NET, March 2020 – March 2022

49%

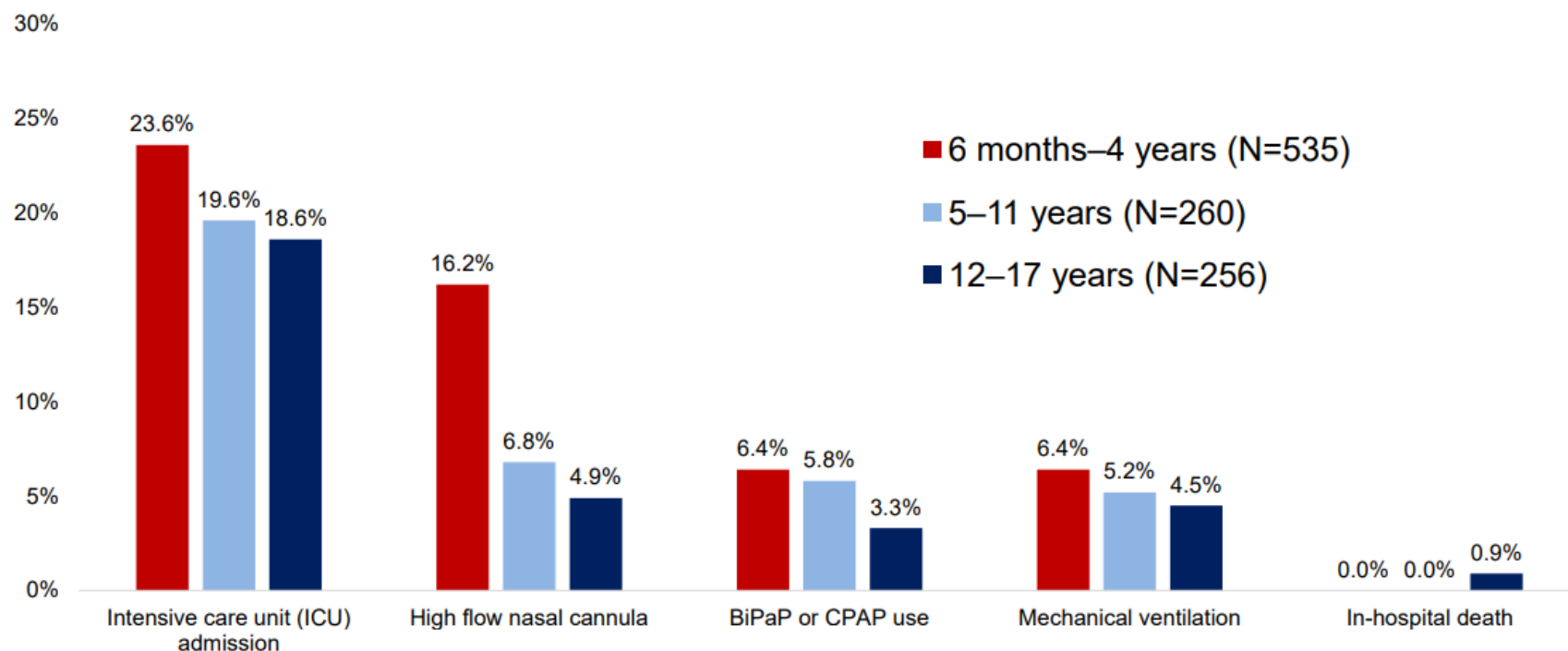
51%

Source: 1. New Vaccine Surveillance Network. Preliminary data as of May 25, 2022, reflecting data from March 2020–April 2022

2. COVID-NET data. Accessed May 21, 2022, reflecting data from March 2020–March 2022



Severity of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations among children and adolescents 6 months–17 years, COVID-NET, December 19, 2021 – March 31, 2022 (Omicron period)



BiPaP: bilevel positive pressure, CPAP: continuous positive pressure

Source: COVID-NET data. Accessed May 21, 2022.



Percent of parents who say: In the past year, they or another adult in their household left a job or changed work schedules to take care of their children

July 15, 2021–August 2, 2021

Total parents 39%

Parent of child under age 5 years 48%

Parent of child ages 5-11 years 45%

Parent of adolescent ages 12-17 years 33%

Parent age

18-39 years 44%

40 years and older 34%

Race/Ethnicity

Black 53%

Hispanic 44%

White 32%

Household income

<\$40K 51%

\$40K-\$89.9K 35%

\$90K or more 35%



Other Pediatric Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Hospitalizations per Year Prior to Recommended Vaccines

	Hepatitis A ¹	Varicella ² (Chickenpox)	Vaccine-type Invasive Pneumococcal Disease ³	COVID-19 ⁴
Age	5–14 years	0–4 years	0–4 years	6 months–4 years
Time period	2005	1993–1995	1998–1999	Year 1: April 2020–March 2021 Year 2: April 2021–March 2022
Hospitalization Burden (Annual rate per 100,000 population)	<1	29-42	40 ⁵	Year 1: 29.8 Year 2: 89.3

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5603a1.htm>

² Davis MM, Patel MS, Gebremariam A. Decline in varicella-related hospitalizations and expenditures for children and adults after introduction of varicella vaccine in the United States. *Pediatrics*. 2004;114(3):786-792. doi:10.1542/peds.2004-0012

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Direct and indirect effects of routine vaccination of children with 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine on incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease—United States, 1998–2003. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2005 Sep 16;54(36):893-7. PMID: 16163262.

⁴ COVID-NET data, Accessed May 21, 2022.

⁵ Vaccine-type invasive pneumococcal disease annual rate for children <5 years in 1998–1999 was 80 per 100,000, of which about 50% were hospitalized.



Pediatric vaccine preventable diseases: Deaths per year in the United States prior to recommended vaccines

	Hepatitis A ¹	Meningococcal (ACWY) ²	Varicella³	Rubella⁴	Rotavirus⁵	COVID-19 ⁶
Age	<20 years	11–18 years	5–9 years	All ages	<5 years	6 months – 4 years
Time period	1990–1995	2000–2004	1990–1994	1966–1968	1985–1991	Jan 2020–May 2022
Average deaths per year	3	8	16	17	20	86

¹Vogt TM, Wise ME, Bell BP, Finelli L. Declining hepatitis A mortality in the United States during the era of hepatitis A vaccination. J Infect Dis 2008; 197:1282–8.

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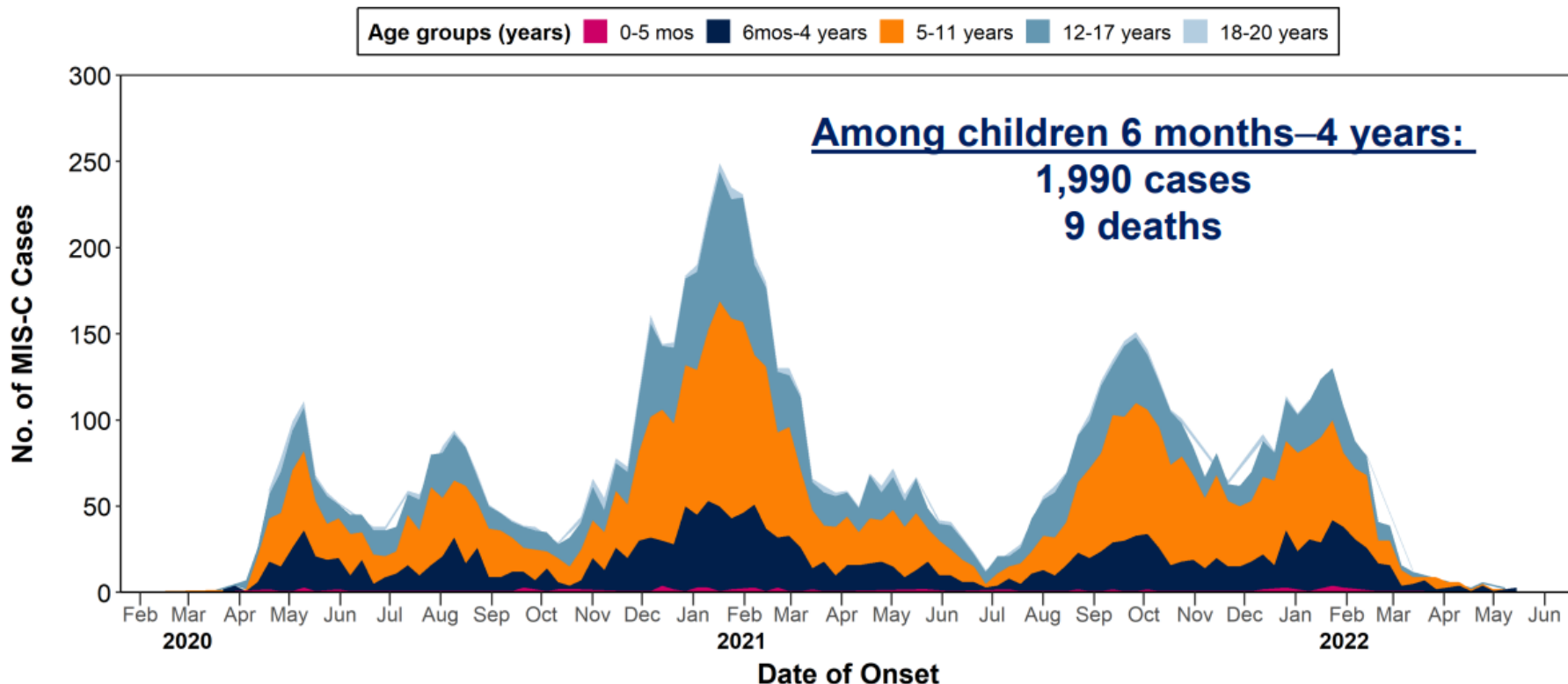
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⁶<https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-COVID-19-Deaths-Counts-by-Age-in-Years/3apk-4u4f/data>. Accessed May 14, 2022



Weekly MIS-C case counts among persons ages 0–20 years by age group (N=8,525) February 1, 2020 – May 31, 2022

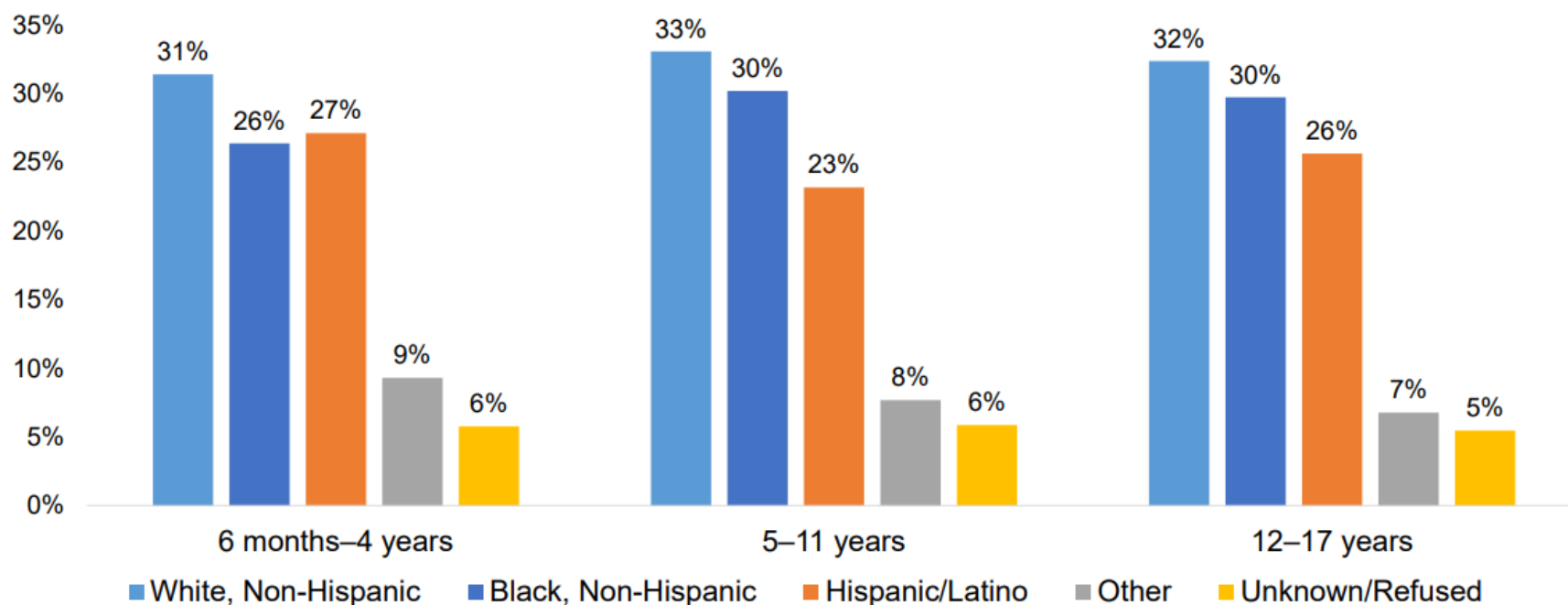


CDC Data. Age is missing for 1 case



MIS-C patients by race & ethnicity for children and adolescents ages 6 months–17 years by age group

February 1, 2020 – May 31, 2022



Age is missing for 1 case.

Source: CDC data. Accessed June 7, 2022

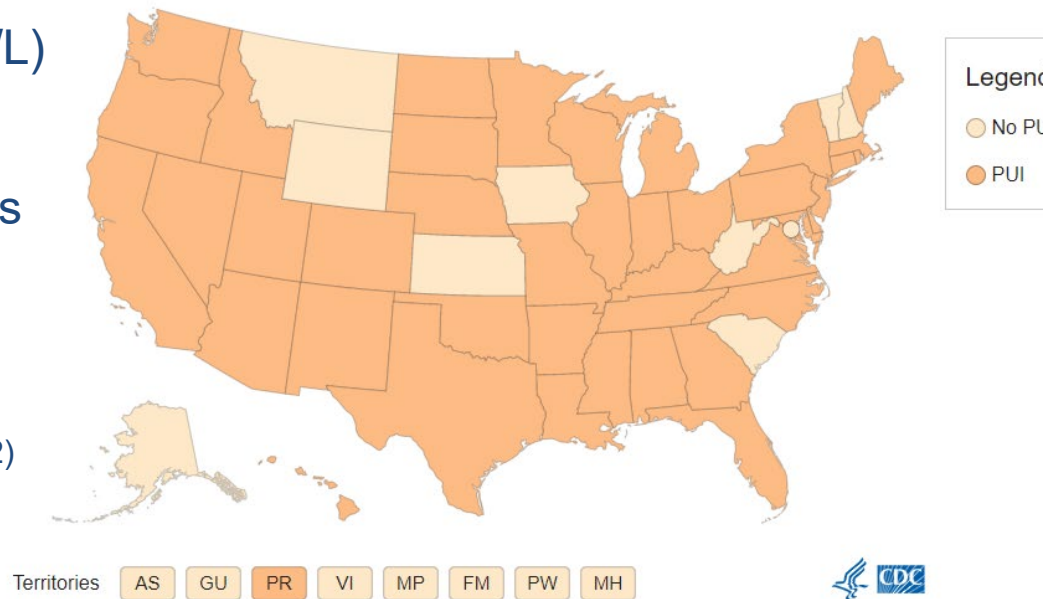


Hepatitis of unknown etiology among children



Person Under Investigation Definition

- Children aged <10 yrs
- Elevated ALT or AST (>500 U/L)
- No known etiology (with or without adenovirus testing results and independent of the results)
- Since October 2021
- N = 332 (1 in Oregon) (6 Jul 2022)
- Typical syndrome: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, then jaundice
- US hepatitis NOS: ~500-600 cases/per year; about 31% without etiology





What we know as of 27 April 2022

- England, Scotland:
 - 3yr median age; 65% 3–5 yrs old
 - 54% female; 87% white
 - Increase in acute hepatitis NOS admissions and liver transplantations, as compared to prior years
 - Increase in adenovirus cases: 200-300/wk Nov 2021–Mar 2022 vs 50–150/wk pre-pandemic (also enterovirus, hMPV, Rhinovirus, Norovirus, RSV)
- US (Alabama)
 - Median 2yr (1.1–6.5yr)
 - 77% female, 100% White, 67% Hisp
 - Sporadic



What we know as of 27 April 2022

- UK: 111 cases
 - 40 of 53 (75%) tested positive adenovirus (11 subtyped to 41F)
 - 10 of 61 (16%) tested positive SARS-CoV-2 on admission
 - No common exposures (food, medicines, travel, toxins)
 - Sporadic, ~10% liver transplantations, NO link to COVID-vaccinations
 - Background incidence of adenovirus detections in fecal samples among children aged 1–4 yrs increased in this time period
- EU/EEA: 55 cases
 - N=11 adenovirus
- US: 12 cases
 - 9 in Alabama (2 liver tx), 9+ adenovirus 41, all neg COVID, n=6 liver bx: HAdV not detected in IHC, no viral inclusions on EM



What we don't know

- What is causing this?

- A cofactor affecting young children which is rendering normal mild adenovirus infections more severe or causing them to trigger immunopathology.

The cofactor may be:

- a. susceptibility, for example due to lack of prior exposure to adenoviruses during the pandemic
- b. a prior infection with SARS-CoV-2 or another infection, including an Omicron restricted effect
- c. a coinfection with SARS-CoV-2 or another infection
- d. a toxin, drug or environmental exposure



What we are doing

- In children presenting with severe hepatitis, perform comprehensive testing per GI consult:
 - Infectious:
 - Adenovirus NAAT/PCR (whole blood, stool, respiratory)
 - SARS CoV-2 (NP, Spike & Nucleocapsid antibodies)
 - Hepatitis A, B, C, E (Ab, PCR)
 - HSV, VZV, EBV, CMV, HIV, enterovirus, parechovirus, etc
 - Respiratory panel
 - Stool culture (if epi suggests)
 - Leptospirosis (if epi suggests)
 - Metabolic, autoimmune, toxins, other non-infectious 😊



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