

Children Have Almost No Risk of COVID Death

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It is becoming more obvious to more people that that government agencies and employees and the medical establishment and its employees are guilty of at least incompetence and perhaps deliberate intent to harm in their collective handling of the COVID-19 debacle.

One very clear example is the promotion of COVID vaccines for children. Patently false statements concerning the risk of COVID-19, and efficacy and safety of the vaccines are made by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC),^{1 2} by Mayo Clinic,³ and via PSAs created by the U.S. government that appear on networks like CNN.⁴

The reality is that children have such a low risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 that any risk associated with the vaccines is not warranted. And the CDC and public health officials have known this, or should have known this, for a very long time.

An article published in November 2021 in *Nature Medicine* reported that even severe acute SARS-CoV-2 is rarely fatal in children and young people (CYP). To make this determination, researchers undertook a clinical review of all CYP deaths associated with a positive SARS-CoV-2 test for the period beginning March 2020 to February 2021. During that time, out of 12,023,568 CYP living in England, 3105 died and 61 of those tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. Twenty-five of the deaths were attributed to COVID-19 only, which translates to a death rate of two per million. This means that 99.995% of CYP with a positive SARS-CoV-2 test survived.

An important qualifier was that comorbidities were over-represented in the children whose deaths were related to SARS-CoV-2 as compared with CYP who died from other causes. ALL COVID-19 deaths occurred in children with underlying health conditions; 76% had chronic conditions, and 64% had multiple comorbidities.

Other important points from this article:

- SARS-CoV-2 infection is usually mild and asymptomatic in CYP
- CYP have comprised a very low proportion of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 globally – not just in the UK
- Symptoms are different in children than in adults – in addition to typical fever, cough and shortness of breath, symptoms include abdominal pain, nausea, headache and sore throat. Many children are completely asymptomatic which makes it challenging to determine how children are affected by SARS-CoV-2.
- “It remains unclear to what extent these rare deaths relate directly to the pathological processes of COVID-19 or whether CYP who died from alternative causes were coincidentally positive for SARS-CoV-2 around the time of death.

This issue is made more difficult by the very high prevalence of asymptomatic infection at times of high prevalence...”

- Mitigation based upon incorrect assumptions of childhood vulnerability to SARS-CoV-2 can lead to significant secondary harms. These can include consequences of school closure that include lack of socialization, lack of academic progress, developmental delays, and worsening mental health. The authors note that risks from the disease need to be weighed against potential risks of vaccination in considering vaccination policy.⁵

We all agree that the death of any child is catastrophic and devastating for families. But public health officials and doctors are misrepresenting the risk of COVID-19 in order to scare parents into vaccinating their very low-risk children. This means all risk and no benefit for 99.9995% of children. If parents knew this, most would not vaccinate and the fact that there is no accountability – yet – for outright lying to parents is unforgiveable.

¹ Vaccines and Immunizations. 6 Things to Know. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children/6-things-to-know.html> accessed 11.30.2022

² COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Children and Teens. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-safety-children-teens.html#:~:text=CDC%20recommends%20COVID%2D19%20vaccines,safe%20for%20children%20and%20teens>. Accessed 11.30.2022

³ COVID vaccines for kids: What you need to know. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-vaccines-for-kids/art-20513332> accessed 11.30.2022

⁴ <https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/23/health/hhs-vaccine-ad-campaign-kids-under-5/index.html>

⁵ Sith C, Odd D, Harwood R et al. “Deaths in children and young people in England after SARS-CoV-2 infection during the first pandemic year.” *Nature Medicine* 2021 Nov;28:185-192