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COVID-19 In Children: What You Should Know

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COVID-19 IN CHILDREN

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The novel coronavirus is spreading rapidly, with over **11 million cases** and **250,000 deaths** nationwide. While most symptomatic cases are found in adults, the disproportionately high rate of asymptomatic infection in school-age children can lead to increased transmission from children.

WHO CAN GET COVID

People of all age ranges can contract the COVID-19, however children and adults can present differently.



COMMON PEDIATRIC SYMPTOMS

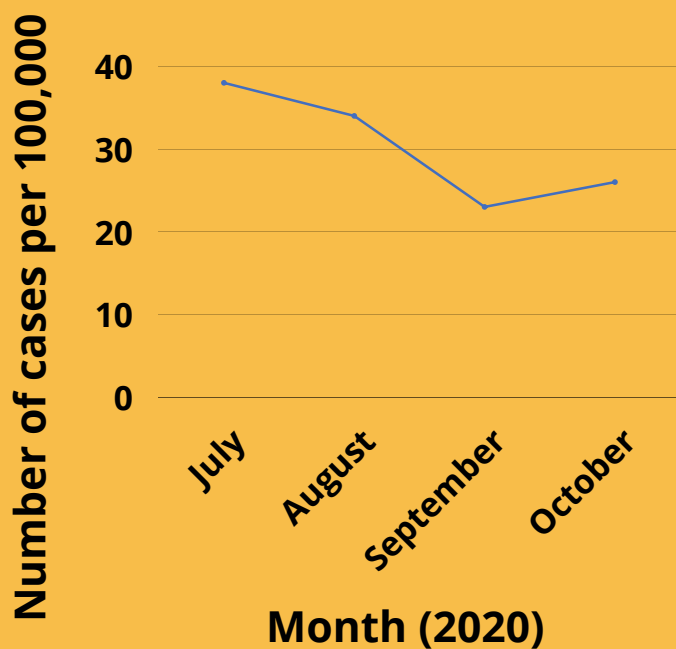
- Cough
- Fever
- Nasal congestion
- Loss of smell/taste
- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting or diarrhea



INCIDENCE

- Incidence in adolescents (12-17) is **~2x higher** than children 5-11 years of age
- Infection rates increased significantly from May -June 2020, which also corresponds to increased testing rates during this time
 - Incidence rate may be higher than tests suggest

RATE ON THE RISE



IMPLICATIONS

- Although COVID-19 symptoms or serious health complications may be less frequent in children, they still pose significant risk to the community.
- Young children can serve as asymptomatic vectors, passing the virus to more vulnerable members of their household.

PRECAUTIONS

- ✓ Wear a mask
- ✓ COVID-19 testing
- ✓ Stay home and practice social distancing (>6 ft)
- ✓ Avoid large gatherings



DO YOUR PART!

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, it is important to do your part to keep yourself and your community safe. The most effective way to do this is to limit in-person interactions, wear a mask, wash your hands regularly, and get tested if you think you may have been exposed. Together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19.

Find a testing site near you: michigan.gov/coronavirus