



# COVID-19 Looking Back, Looking Ahead

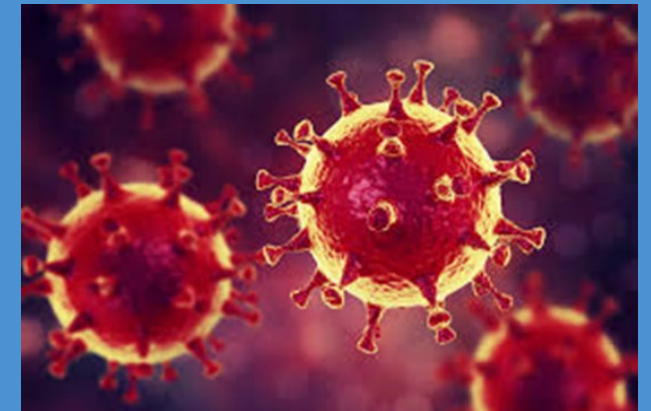
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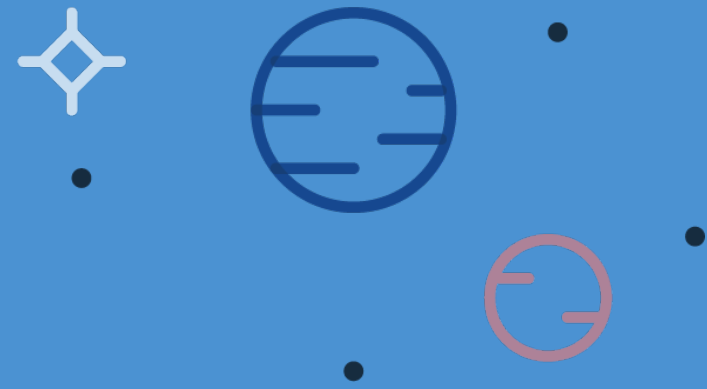
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- NIAID: PECOS study (Pediatric COVID and MIS-C Outcomes Study)
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# Overview

- **Epidemiology –**
  - SARS CoV-2 virus and variants
  - Impact on the Pediatric population
- **Children's National Experience with COVID and MIS-C**
  - Clinical and Research
- **Testing**
- **Therapeutics**
- **Vaccination**
- **Long Term Effects**
  - PECOS Study and POCO Clinic



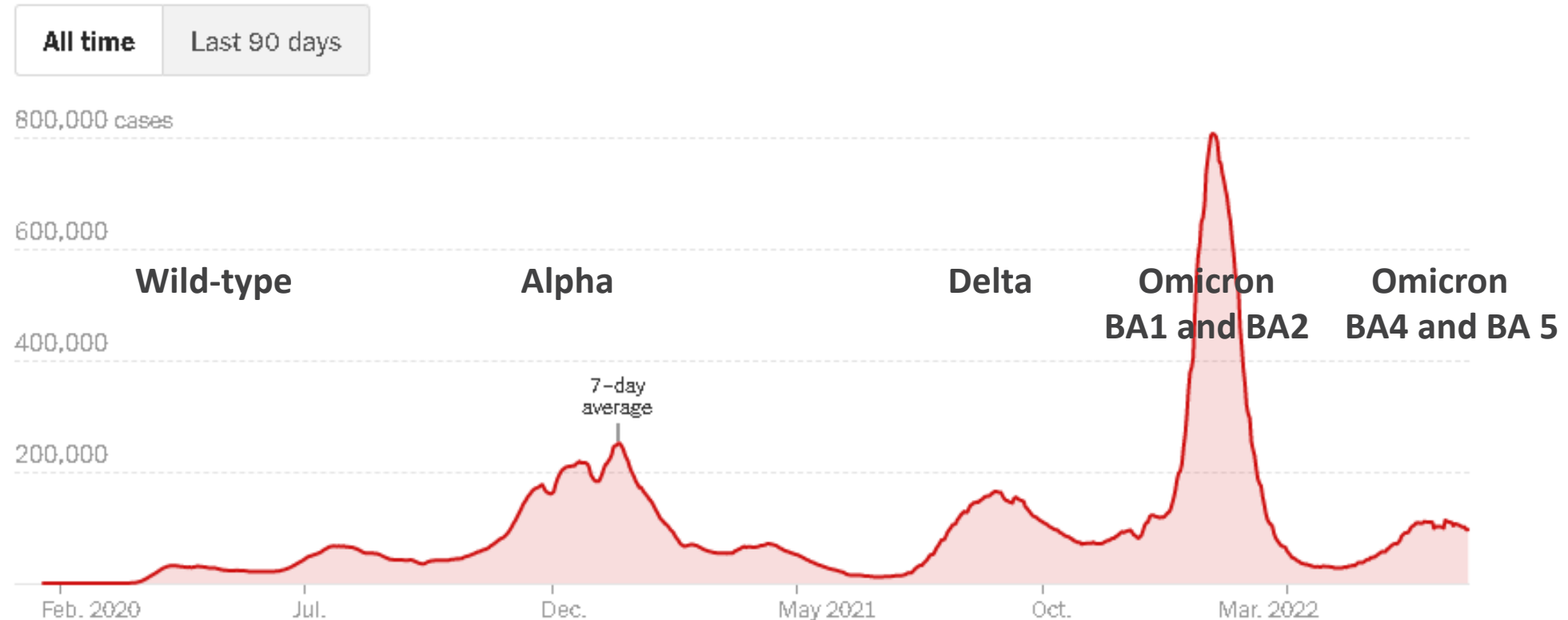
# EPIDEMIOLOGY

- The Virus and Variants
- Impact on the Pediatric Population

# SARS CoV-2 Cases in the United States March 2020 - Present

Updated June 22, 2022

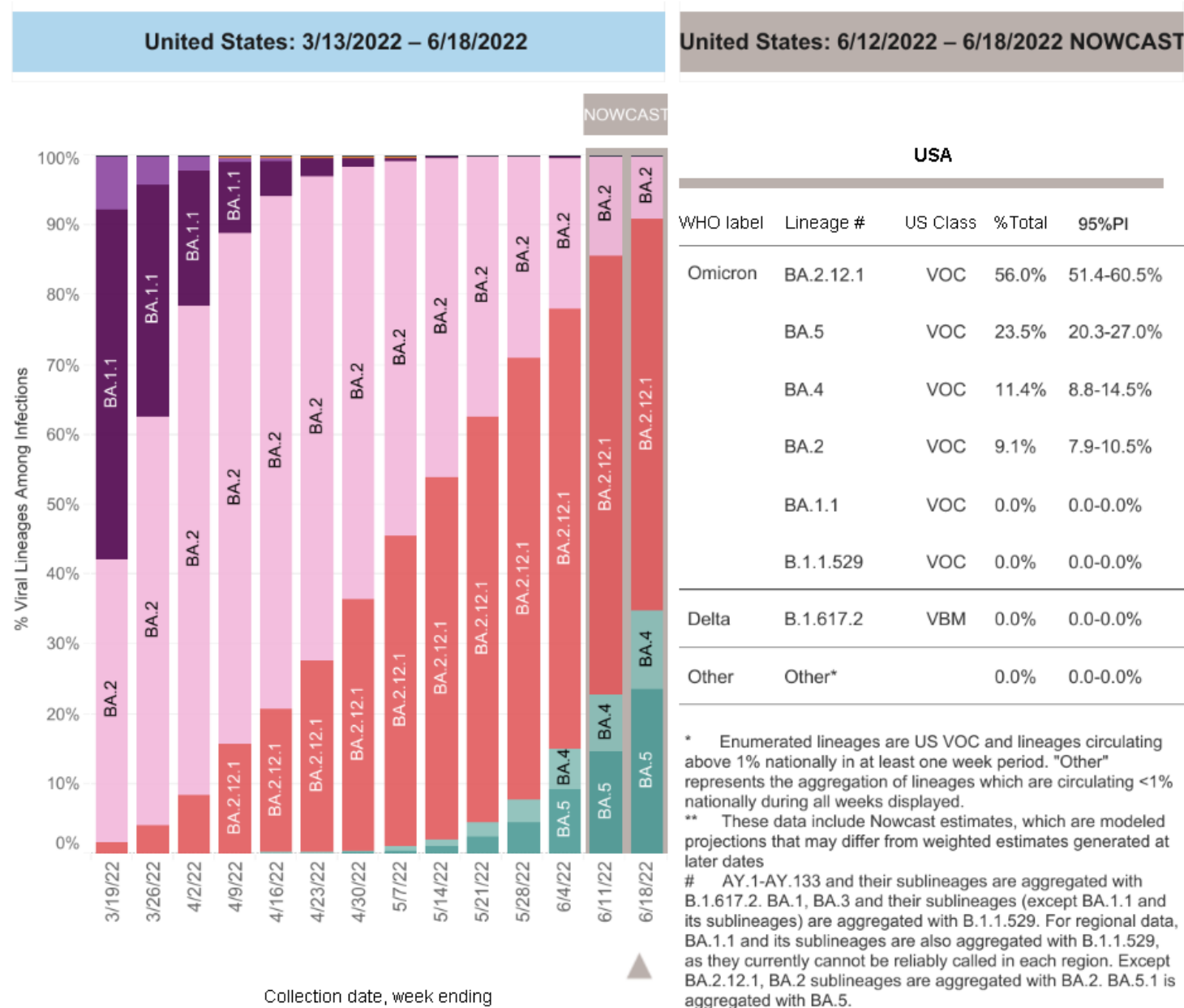
## New reported cases



NYTimes - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

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# Omicron Sub-Variant Emergence/Circulation: March –June 2022



## Gone:

- BA1.1.529 and BA1.1

## Going:

- BA2= 9%

## Predominant

- BA 2.12.1 = 56%

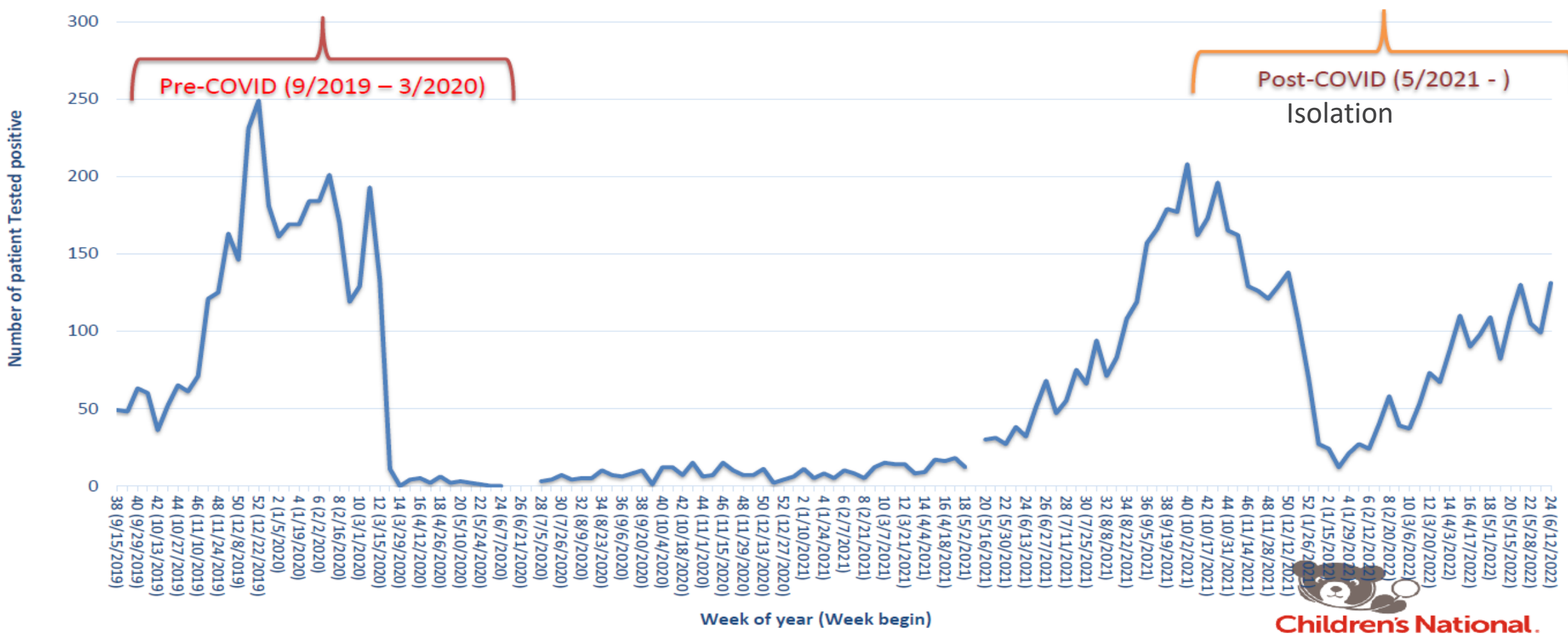
## Rising:

- BA5 23.5%
- BA4 11.4%

## COVID DASHBOARD: Cumulative Global, National, Regional as of June 20, 2022

	Global	US	DC/MD/VA
Total Cases	538,831,378	86,127,070	3,107,158
Percent Change (since last week)	7.2%	-2.3%	-12.7%
Total Hospitalizations		4,818,395	173,260
Percent Change (since last week)		1.8%	-8.8%
Total Deaths	6,315,117	1,009,893	36,521
Percent Change (since last week)	-12.9%	-5.4%	-4.4%
Case Fatality Rate (7 day average)	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
New Cases Per 100K (7 day average)	6.8	30.8	27.1
Test Positive Rate (7 day average)		14.0%	13.6%

# CNH Lab-confirmed Seasonal Respiratory Viral Infections, 9/8/2019 – 6/18/2022



Courtesy of Dr. Song , Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control Division

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# Impact on Pediatric Population

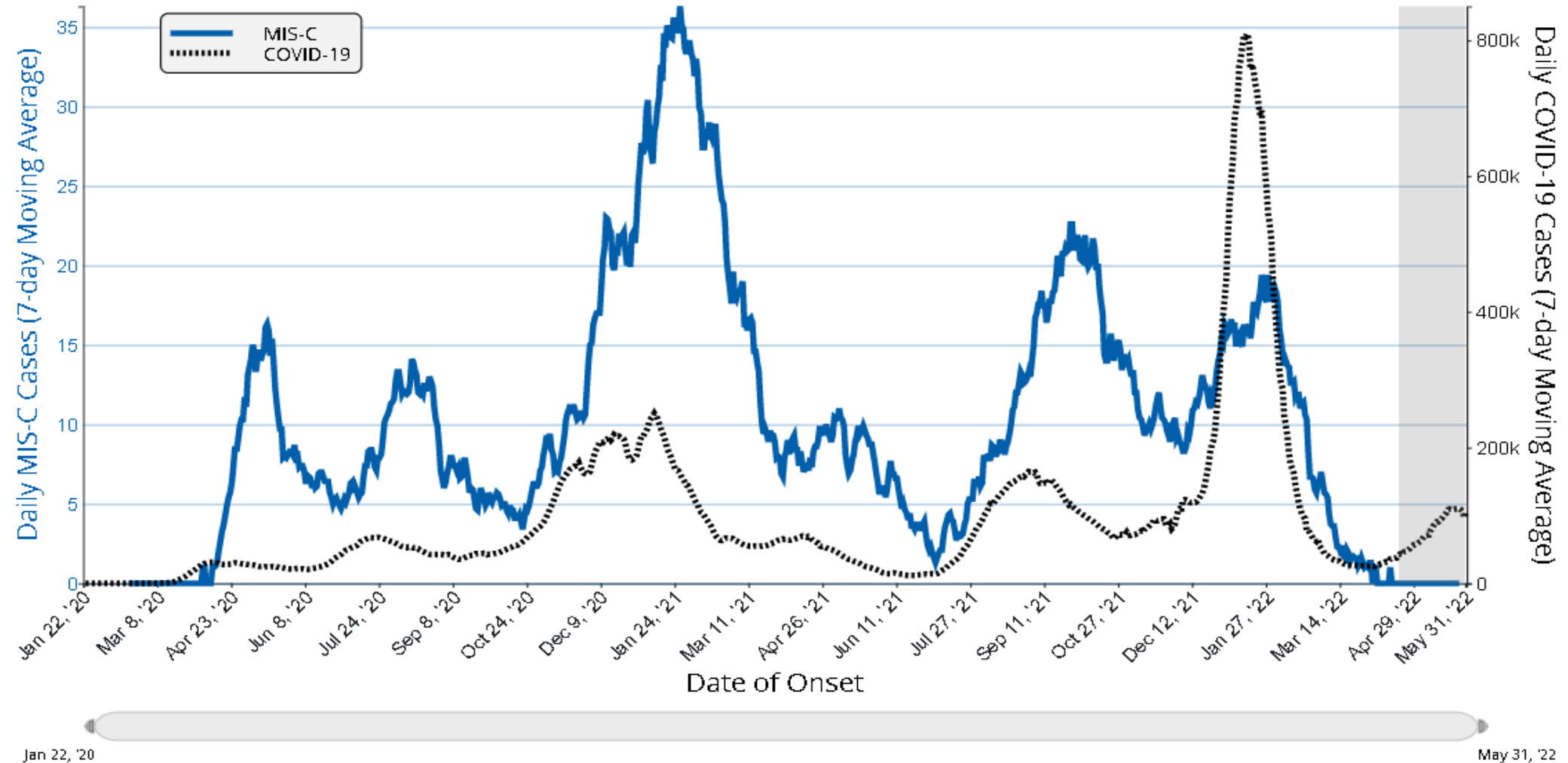
# Pediatric SARS CoV2 Infection through June 2022

Children's Hospital Association/American Academy of Pediatrics

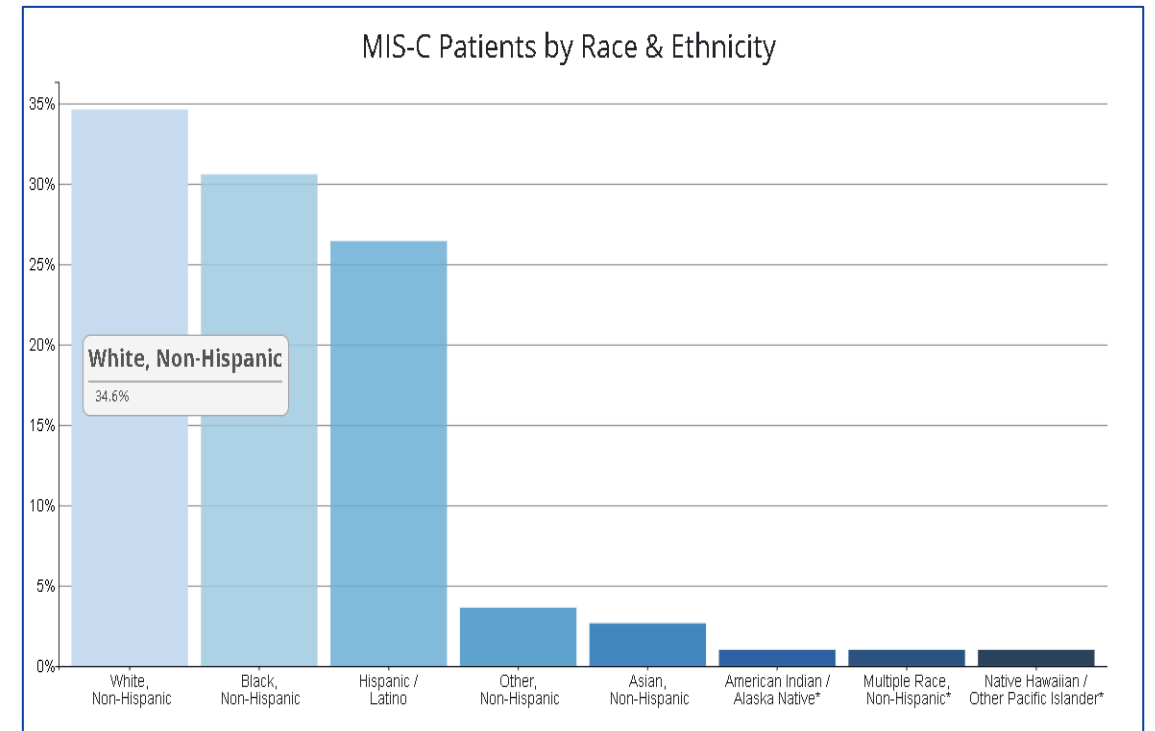
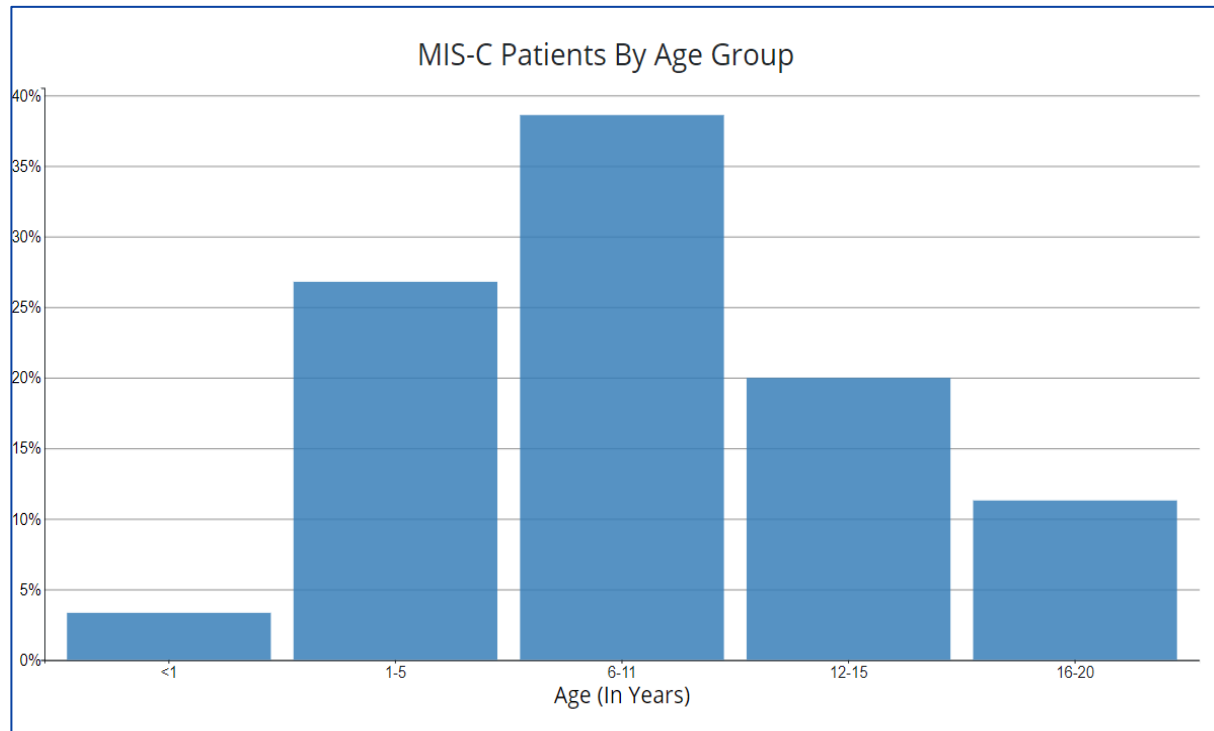
- **13.6 million SARS-CoV-2 lab confirmed cases in children**
  - Children make up **18.8% of all cases**
- **43,000 Hospitalizations in children**
  - Children make up **3.2% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations**
  - **Hospitalization rate in children as high as 3.2%; Currently 0.7%**
- **1055 Deaths in US Children**
  - Children make up **0.1% of all deaths**
- **8,525 MIS-C cases; 69 deaths**

*See detail in Appendix: Data from 49 states, NYC, DC, PR, and GU  
Analysis by American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association  
All data reported by state/local health departments are preliminary and subject to change*

# CDC Summary Data for MIS-C in the United States



# CDC Summary Data for MIS-C in the United States





- **Children's National COVID Experience**
  - Clinical Care
  - Research

# Children's National COVID-19 and MIS-C:

March 15, 2020- June 22, 2022

## Primary COVID-19 Disease

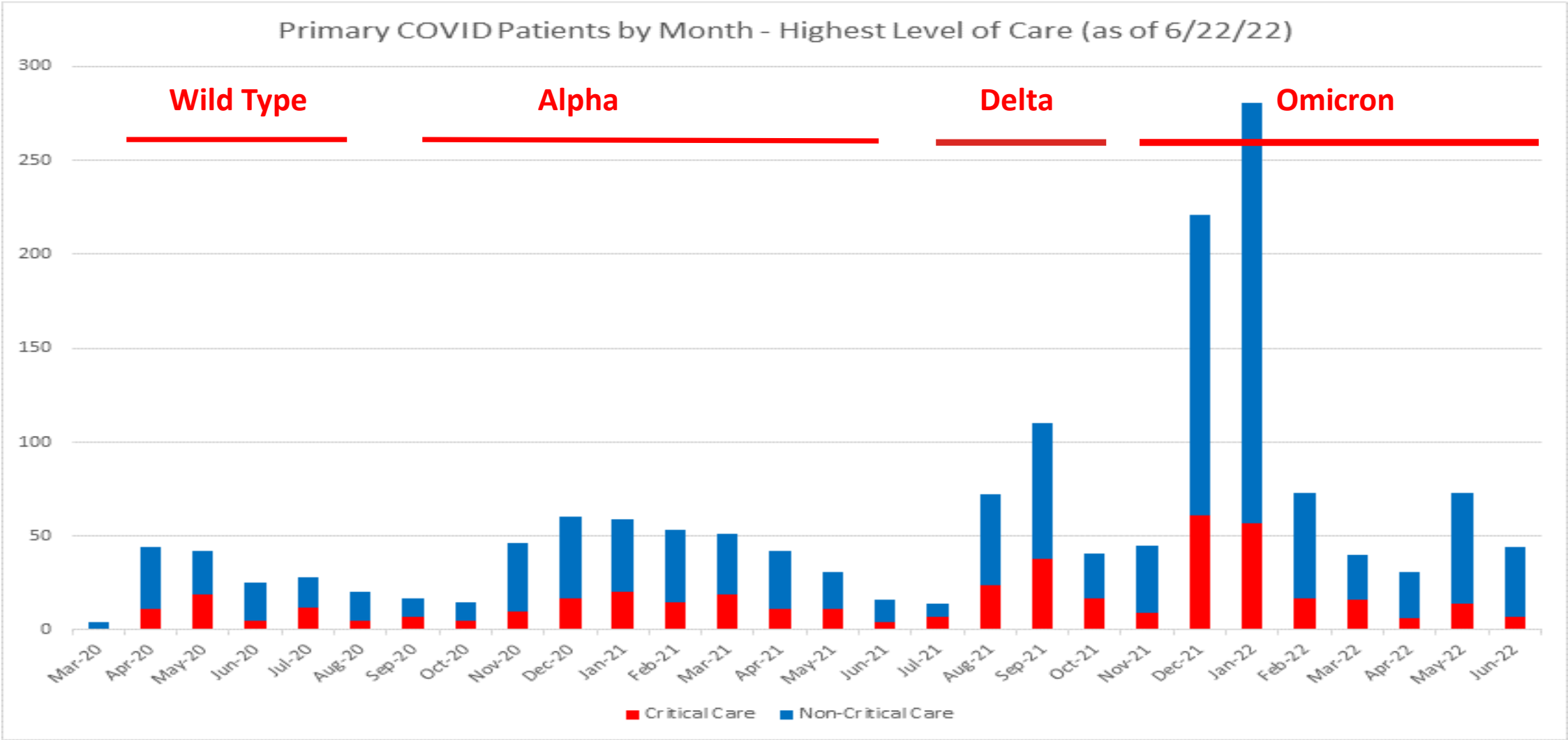
- Cumulative **9059** COVID+ symptomatic patients
  - **Peak of 24 admissions per day 1.29.22**
- Cumulative **1594** COVID+ patients admitted
  - 443 (28%) critical care (380 PICU, 55 NICU, 8 CICU)
  - 1151 (72%) acute care
- **Current COVID+ Census = 12** (all Acute)
  - **Peak Census of 67 on 1.6.22**

## Multisystem Inflammatory Disease of Children (MIS-C)

- Cumulative **225**
  - **Peak of 3-4 MISC admissions per day**
- **Current MIS-C Census = 0**



# Children's National COVID Admissions through June 22, 2022



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# Children's National Early Leadership in Highlighting Symptomatic and Severe COVID in Children

## May 12, 2020 - First Wave

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### BRIEF REPORTS



#### Severe Coronavirus Disease-2019 in Children and Young Adults in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Region

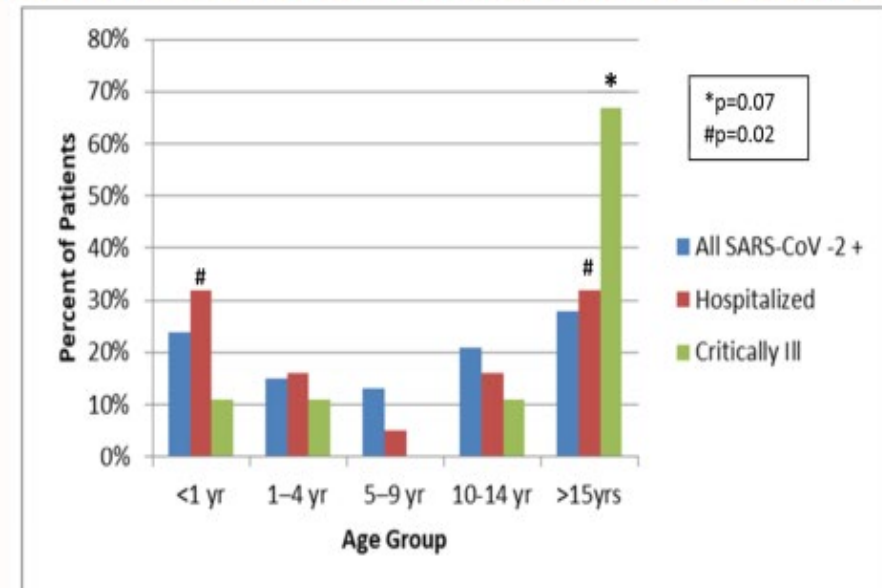
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Despite worldwide spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2, few publications have reported the potential for severe disease in the pediatric population. We report 177 infected children and young adults, including 44 hospitalized and 9 critically ill patients, with a comparison of patient characteristics between infected hospitalized and nonhospitalized cohorts, as well as critically ill and noncritically ill cohorts. Children <1 year and adolescents and young adults >15 years of age were over-represented among hospitalized patients ( $P = .07$ ). Adolescents and young adults were over-represented among the critically ill cohort ( $P = .02$ ). (*J Pediatr* 2020;223:199-203).

DeBiasi et al. *The Journal of Pediatrics* 2020; 223:199-203

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Age Distribution of All SARS-CoV-2 Positive, Hospitalized and Critically Ill Patients





# Children's National Leadership in Evaluation and Care of Children with MIS-C

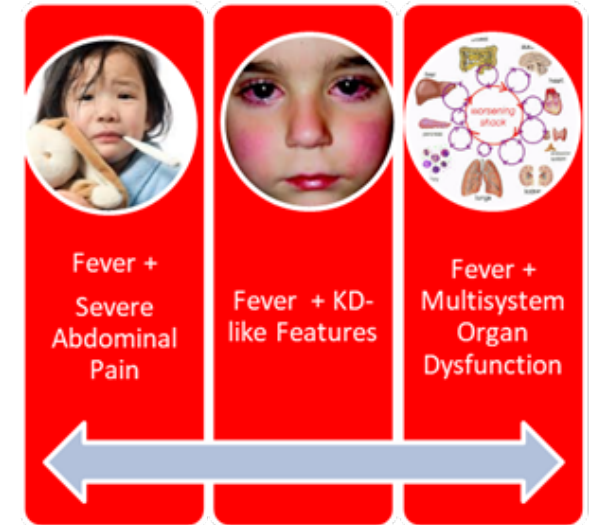
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ORIGINAL  
ARTICLES

## Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome of Children: Subphenotypes, Risk Factors, Biomarkers, Cytokine Profiles, and Viral Sequencing

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- MIS-C Multidisciplinary Taskforce and Huddles
- Establishes well-characterized large cohort of MIS-C evaluated and treated following a standardized protocol with opportunity for long-term systematic follow-up to determine sequelae

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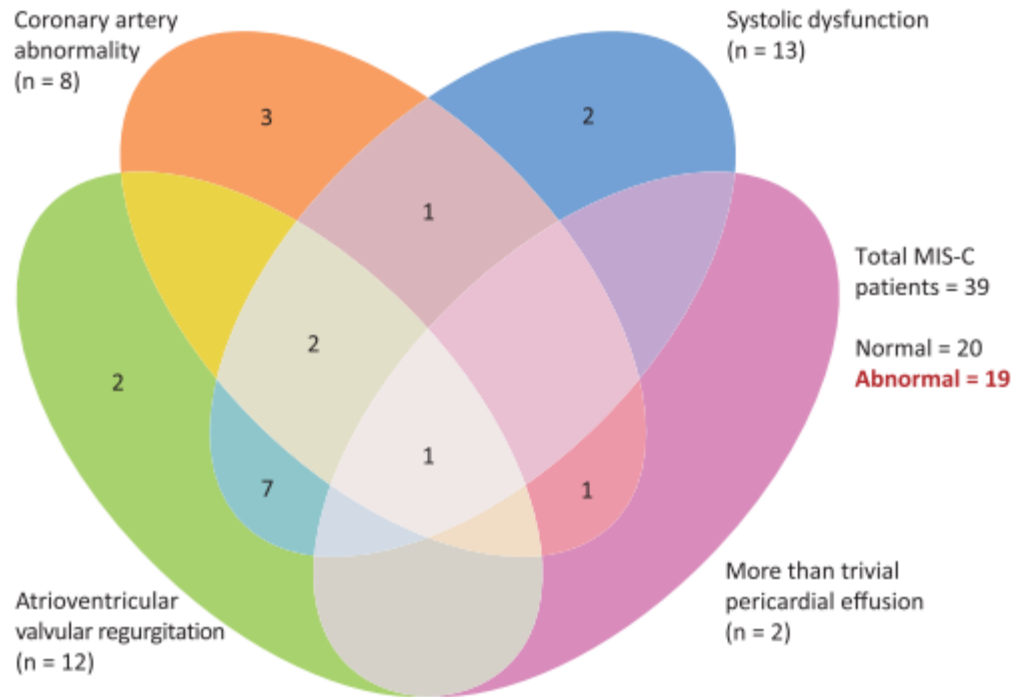
EDITORIALS



Immunotherapy for MIS-C — IVIG, Glucocorticoids, and Biologics

Roberta L. DeBiasi, M.D.

# MIS-C Cardiac Involvement



**Figure 1.** Distribution of cardiac complications in multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children.

Harahsheh et al, *Cardiology in the Young*, 2021

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*Cardiology in the Young*

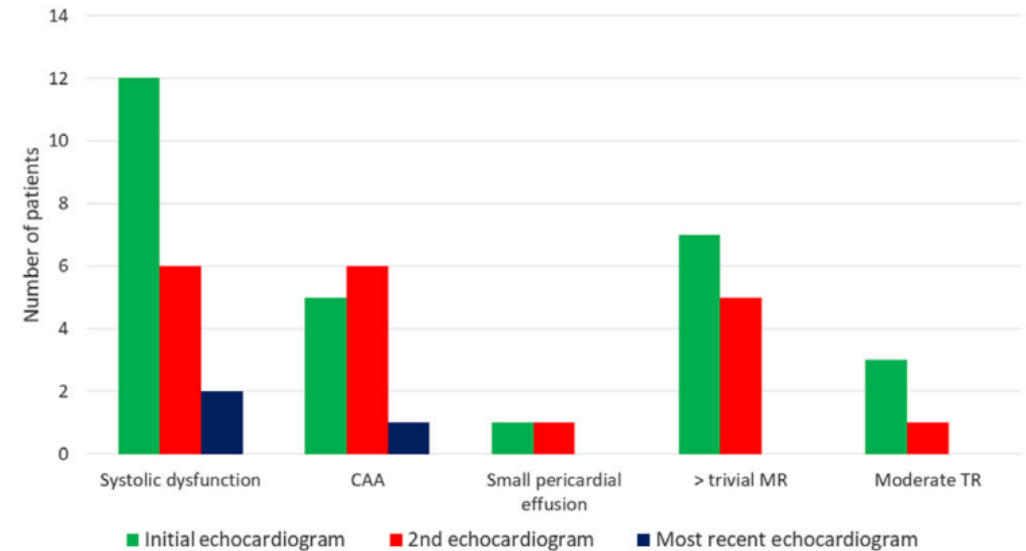
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## Cardiac echocardiogram findings of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2-associated multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children

### Original Article

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**Figure 2.** Progression of cardiac complications. CAA = coronary artery abnormality; MR = mitral valve regurgitation; TR = tricuspid valve regurgitation

# Testing

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# Children's National Lab COVID-19 Testing Timeline

Many publications  
along the way...

## Frontier days: 2020

- March 6: **PCR Testing Send Out with ID Review/Approval Pager**
- March 13: **CNH First In-House Validated PCR**
- March 15: First positive patient and employee
- Late March –June: **Walk- up/drive-up dedicated pediatric testing site**
  - 2,439 patients tested with 29% positive rate
- March 27: PCR capacity increases to **2 in-house platforms**
- April-June
  - Expansion to **4 different in-house PCR platforms**
  - In-House **COVID antibody test**
  - Supply chain issues for reagents
    - CRI (Dr Eric Vilain) laboratory manufactures test media
  - Testing commences for CNPA practices
- July: Enrollment of first pts into **COVID specimen biorepository**
- October 5: Launch of **COVID PCR using saliva sample**



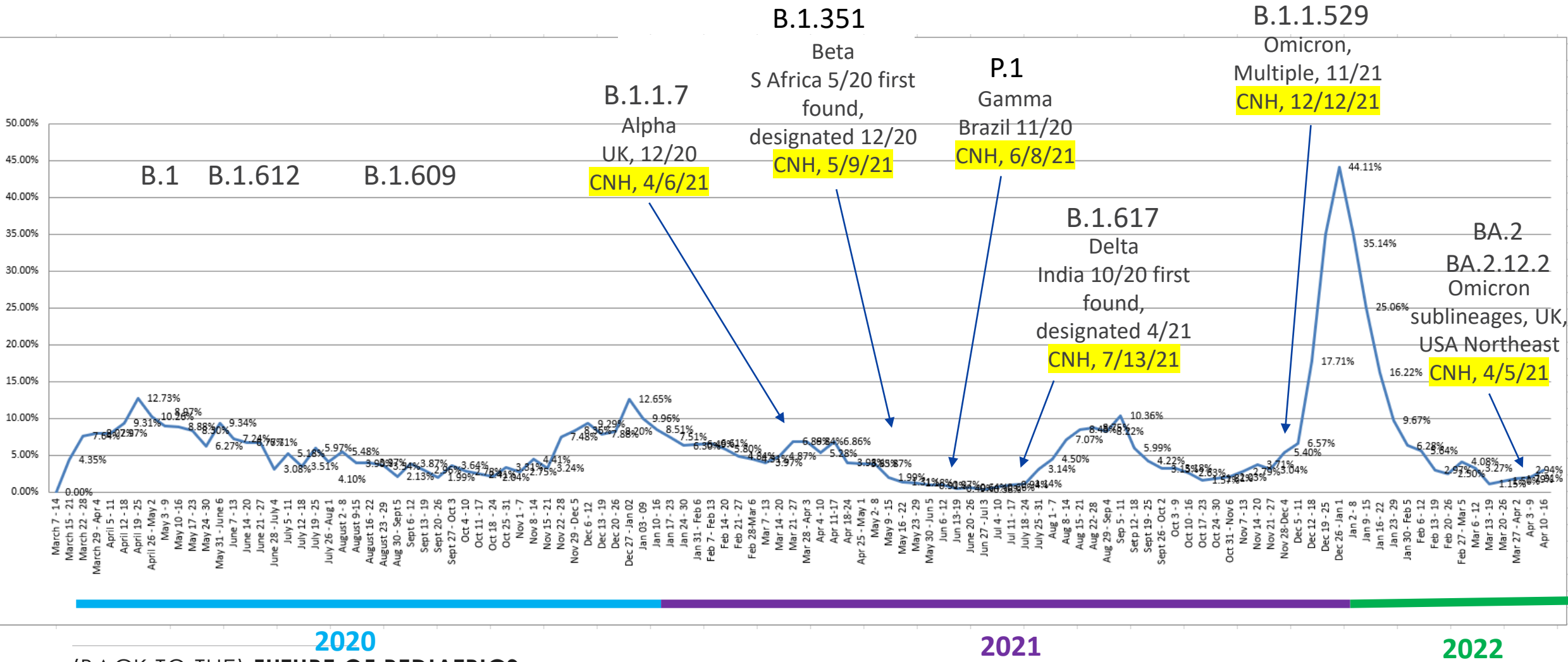
## 2021

- April 23, 2021: **In-house viral sequencing**
- **Pre-surgical and Pre-procedural testing program**





# 173,429 SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests at CNH Lab since March 13, 2020

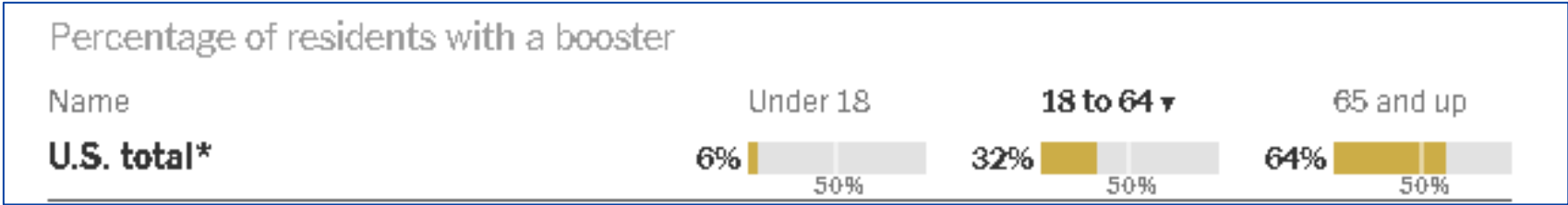
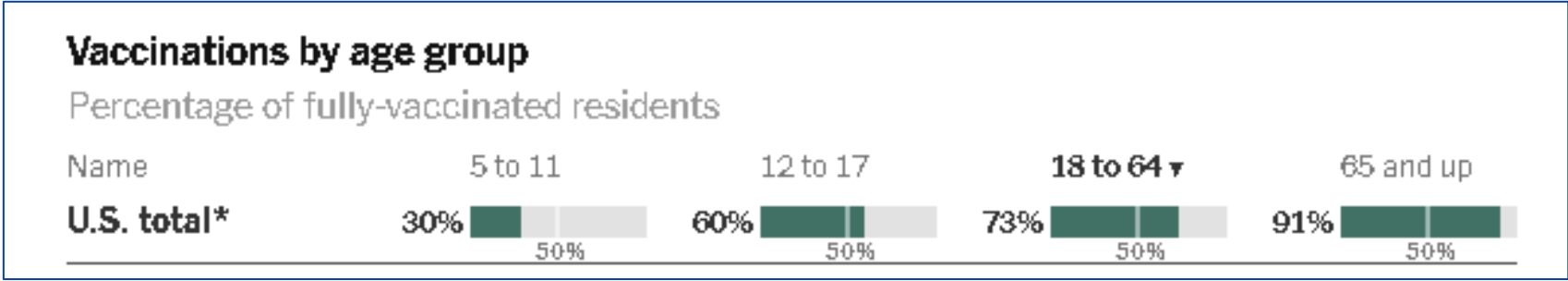
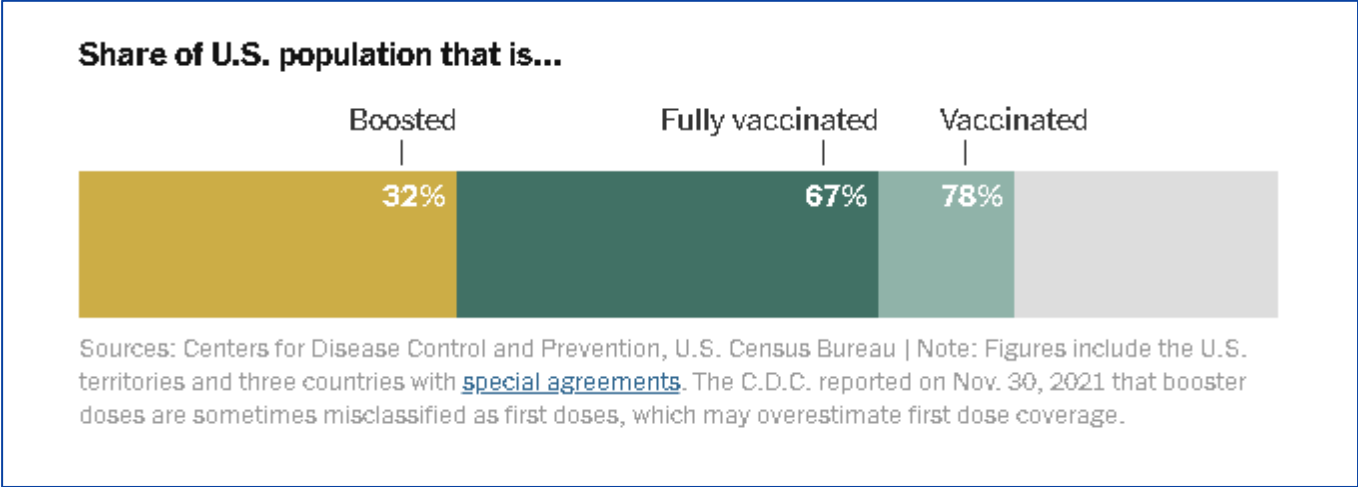


# Vaccination

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# SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination in the United States as of June 2022



NYTimes - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

# Vaccination: What's Next?

## Vaccination of Younger Kids Aged 6 months – 5 years

- **Moderna mRNA: 6 months – 5 years of age**
  - 2 dose primary series (25 mcg)
    - Dose 2 given 4 weeks after Dose 1
  - Efficacy
    - 6–23 months: 50.6% (2–69%)
    - 2–5 years: 36.5% (13–54%)
    - Overall 6 months–5 years: 41.5% (24–55.0%)
- **Pfizer mRNA: 6 months – 4 years of age**
  - 3 dose primary series (3 mcg)
    - Dose 2 given 3 weeks after Dose 1
    - Dose 3 given 8 weeks after Dose 2
  - Efficacy
    - 6–23 months: 75.5% (37–99.%)
    - 2–4 years: 82.3% (8–93%)
    - Overall 6 months–4 years: 80.3% (14–97%)

## Other Vaccine Developments

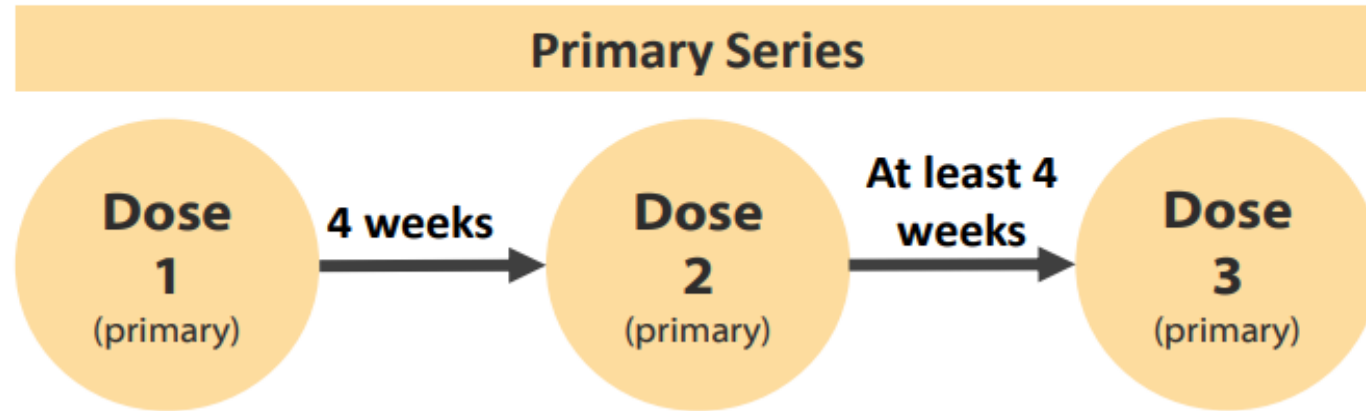
- **Mix and Match Approach for Boosting**
  - mRNA and vector-based vaccines
- **Vaccines incorporating new SARS-CoV-2 Variants**
- **Intranasal Vaccines**
- **Combination vaccines for SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza**



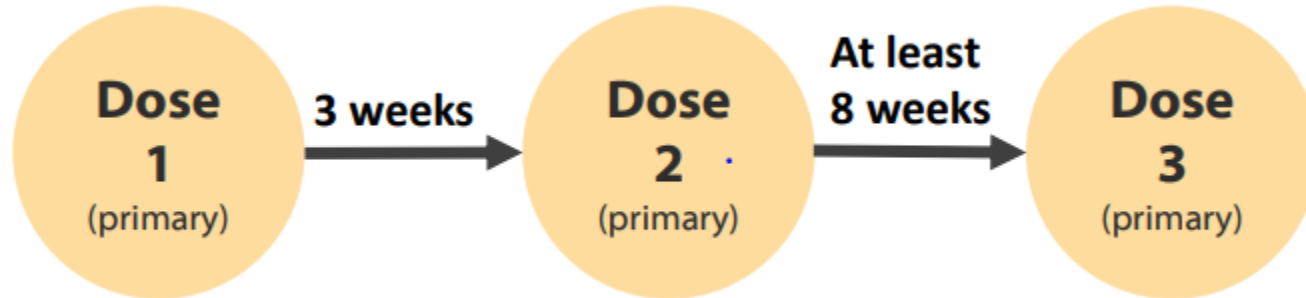
# NOTE: Three dose primary series is authorized for both products for Moderate or Severe Immunocompromised Host

People who ARE moderately or severely immunocompromised

**Moderna**  
(6 months–  
5 years)



**Pfizer-BioNTech**  
(6 months–  
4 years)



CDC COCA Call June 22

[https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/ppt/2022/062222\\_slides\\_updated\\_post\\_live\\_webinar.pdf](https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/ppt/2022/062222_slides_updated_post_live_webinar.pdf)

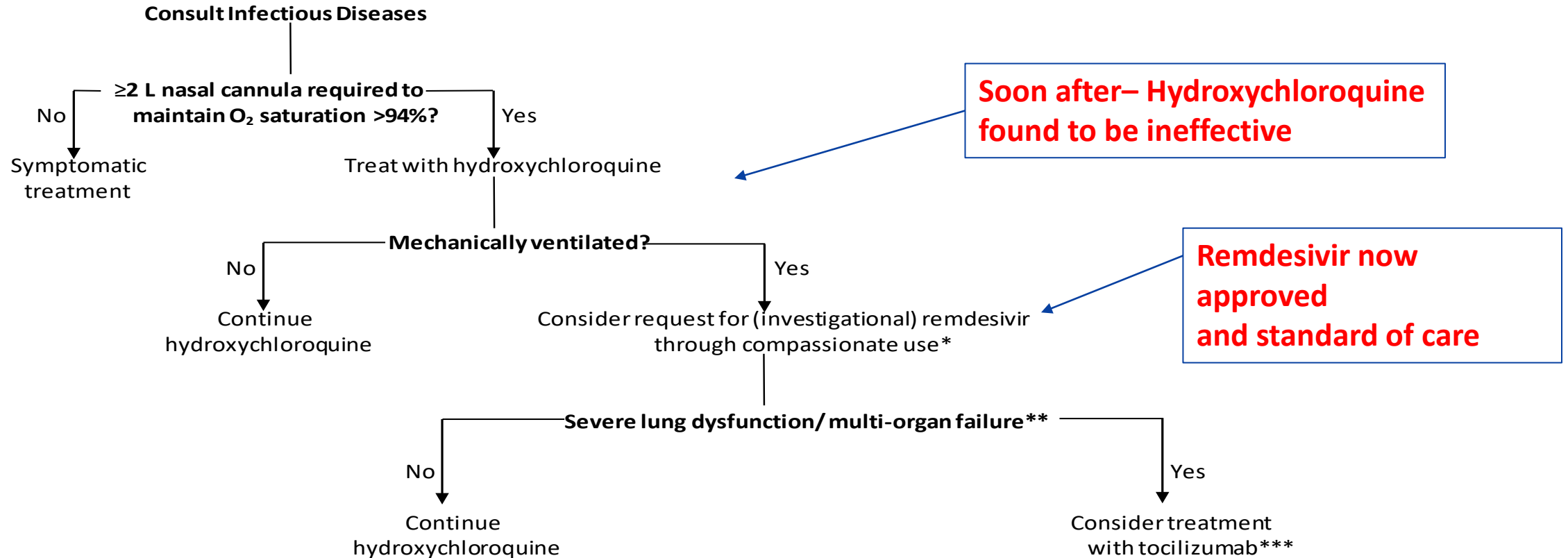
# Therapeutics

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# THEN (March 2020)..... Focus on Inpatient Amelioration

## COVID-19 TREATMENT ALGORITHM March 31, 2020



\*Note: Hydroxychloroquine must be discontinued once treatment with remdesivir begins

\*\*Clinically deteriorating requiring increasing mechanical support or inotropes with CRP >1 mg/dL

\*\*\*In addition to remdesivir OR hydroxychloroquine

# And NOW (June 2022)..... Focus on Outpatient Prevention of Disease Progression for Highest Risk Patients

	<b>Paxlovid™ (1)* (ritonavir-boosted irmatrelvir)**</b>	<b>Bebtelovimab (2)***</b>	<b>Veklury™ (3) (Remdesivir)****</b>	<b>Lagevrio™ (4) (Molnupiravir)*****</b>
<b>Age/weight required for use</b>	≥12 years AND ≥ 40 kg	≥12 years AND ≥ 40 kg	≥ 3 kg	≥ 18 years
<b>Initiate within # days of symptom onset</b>	Within 5 days	Within 7 days	Within 7 days	Within 5 days
<b>Route of administration</b>	PO	IV	IV	PO
<b>Duration of therapy</b>	5 days	Once	3 days	5 days
<b>Pros</b>	High efficacy Oral	High efficacy Single IV infusion	High efficacy	Oral No significant drug-drug interactions
<b>Cons</b>	Significant drug-drug interactions	Requires IV infusion	Requires 3 days of IV infusion	Low efficacy Age limitations Not approved in pregnancy
<b>Supply availability</b>	Community pharmacies ONLY: <a href="https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8">https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8</a>	Available at CNH (ED or cancer/ blood disorders clinic)	Available at CNH (inpatient only)	Community pharmacies ONLY: <a href="https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8">https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8</a>

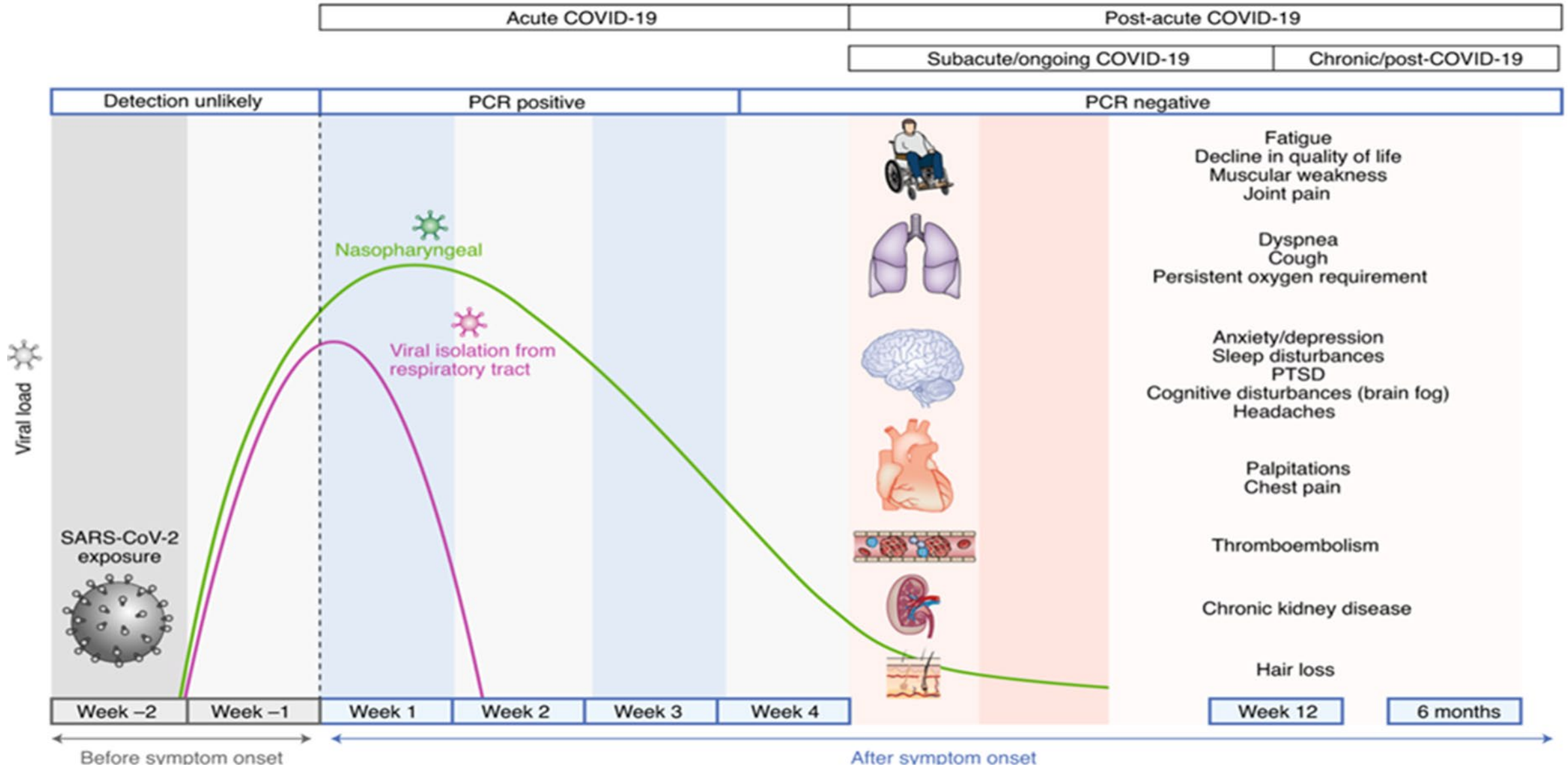


## Long-Term Outcomes of COVID:

- POCO: Children's National Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID Clinic
- PECOS: Pediatric COVID and MISC Outcomes Study



# What About “Long COVID”?



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Nalbandian A, et al Nat Med. 2021

# Spectrum of Post-COVID Conditions



Post-Acute  
Persistent  
Symptoms

New-Onset  
Late  
Sequelae

Persistent  
and New  
Chronic  
Symptoms

4-12 weeks

**MIS-C**

>12 weeks

“Long  
Haulers”







AAP News. 3/1/22

# Children's National Post-COVID Program Clinic (POCO)

Multidisciplinary clinic: Alexandra Yonts, MD - Director

- Core: ID, Psychology, PM&R
- GI, Neurology, Pain Med, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Pulmonary

## Eligibility

- Children/Adolescents ( $\leq 21$  years)
  - Prolonged or New, late-onset symptoms
  - $> 12$  weeks since infection
  - Lab confirmed (or lab confirmed contact) COVID
    - RT-PCR, Antigen, Serology
  - **Wednesday** afternoons at Main Campus
    - **~2 hour appointments**

[Covid19LongitudinalCareClinic@childrensnational.org](mailto:Covid19LongitudinalCareClinic@childrensnational.org)

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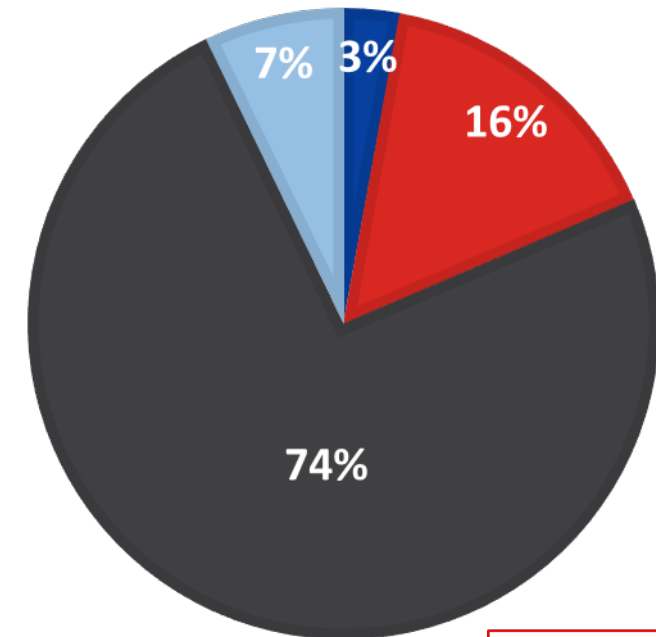


# Post-COVID Program Clinic by the Numbers

- **70 new patients** evaluated as of 6/1/22
  - 250+ referrals/inquiries
  - 6-10 new referrals per week
  - Booking into October 2022
- Median Age: 12 years (range 2-20)
- Female > Male (60%)
- Most patients from DMV
  - National: FL, TX, NM, NC, CA, DE, OH
- Avg days from disease onset= 219 (Range 34-714)
- Average # symptoms per patient = 10 (Range 2-22)

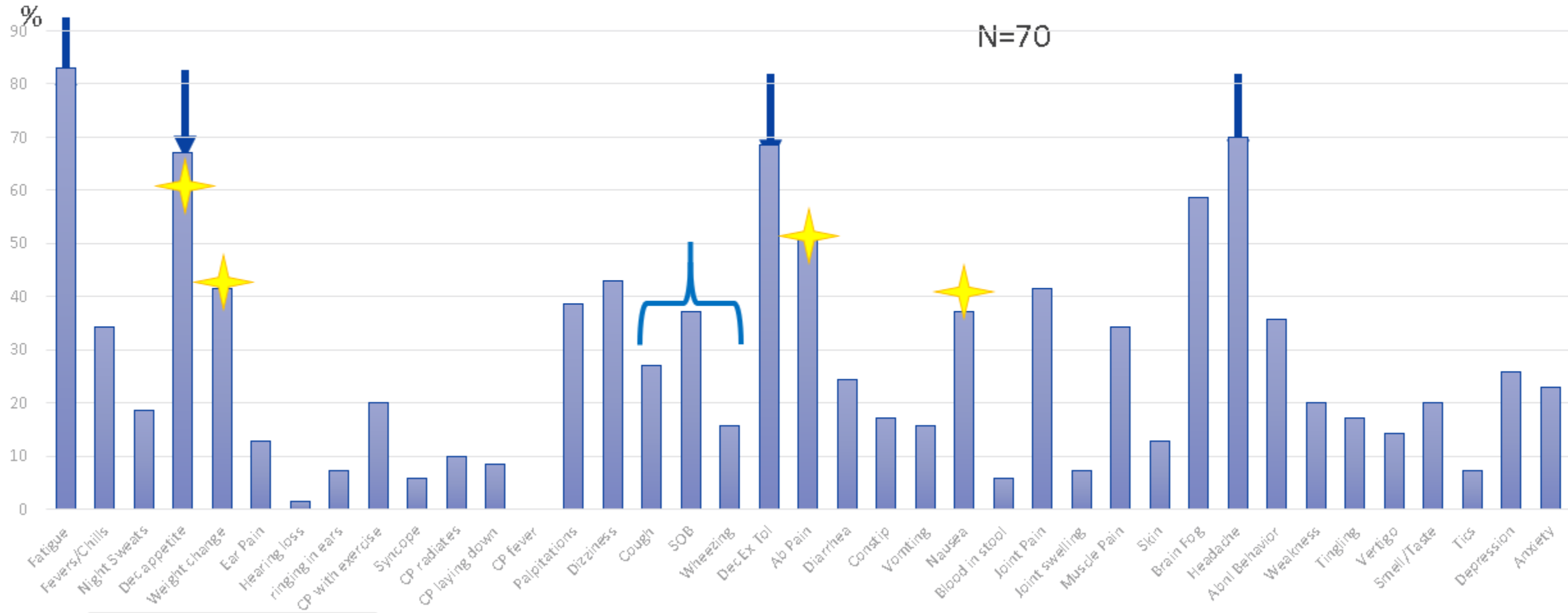
DEMOGRAPHICS OF POCO PATIENTS

■ Asian ■ Black ■ Caucasian ■ Other



16%  
Hispanic/Latinx  
(n=11)

# POCO Clinic Post-COVID Presenting Symptoms (at intake)



# Future Clinical Research Questions: Post-COVID

- **Racial disparities and issues of access to Long COVID care**
- **Pediatric Phenotype and Risk factors**


- **New testing and tools for diagnosis**

- Platelet aggregation (“microclots”)
- Serum amyloid level
- Mitochondrial function
- Endothelial damage and capillary dysfunction
- Small fiber neuropathy
- Persistent viral proteins in tissues


- **Pharmacologic management and/or treatment**

- Anticoagulation
- Supplements
- Antiviral therapies
- Anti-inflammatory treatments (IVIg, steroids)


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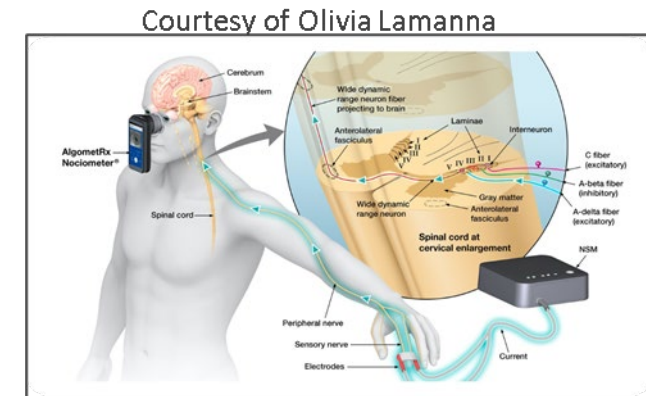
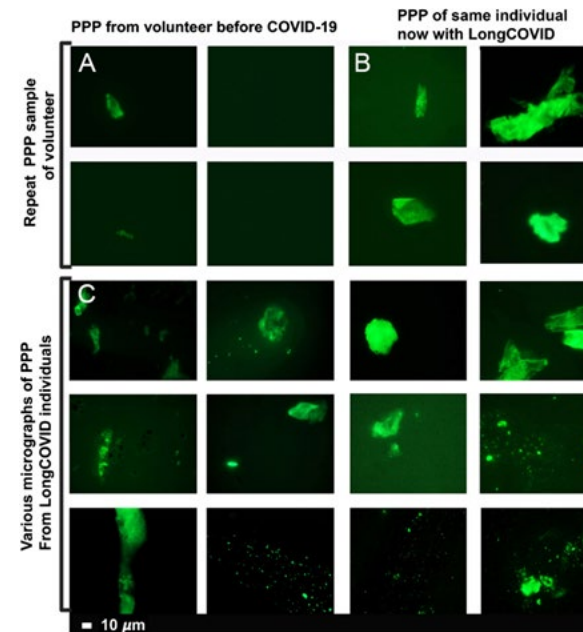
**Patient-Led Research Collaborative for Long COVID**  
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 Patient-Led #LongCovid Research. Team: @lisaamccorkell @ginaassaf @herlifeinpixels @athenaakrami @ahandvanish et al. With: @itsbodypolitic



**Long Covid Kids HQ #LongCovidKids #ProtectAllKids**  
 @LongCovidKids Follows you  
 UK-based, international charity for families & children living with #LongCovid #PIMS Patron: Michael Rosen linktr.ee/LongCovidKids



**Long Covid Families**  
 @LongCovidFam Follows you  
 We are a nonprofit that supports children, caregivers, and anyone whose life has been disrupted by a triggered illness. We raise awareness and provide support.



# Pediatric COVID Outcome Study (PECOS)

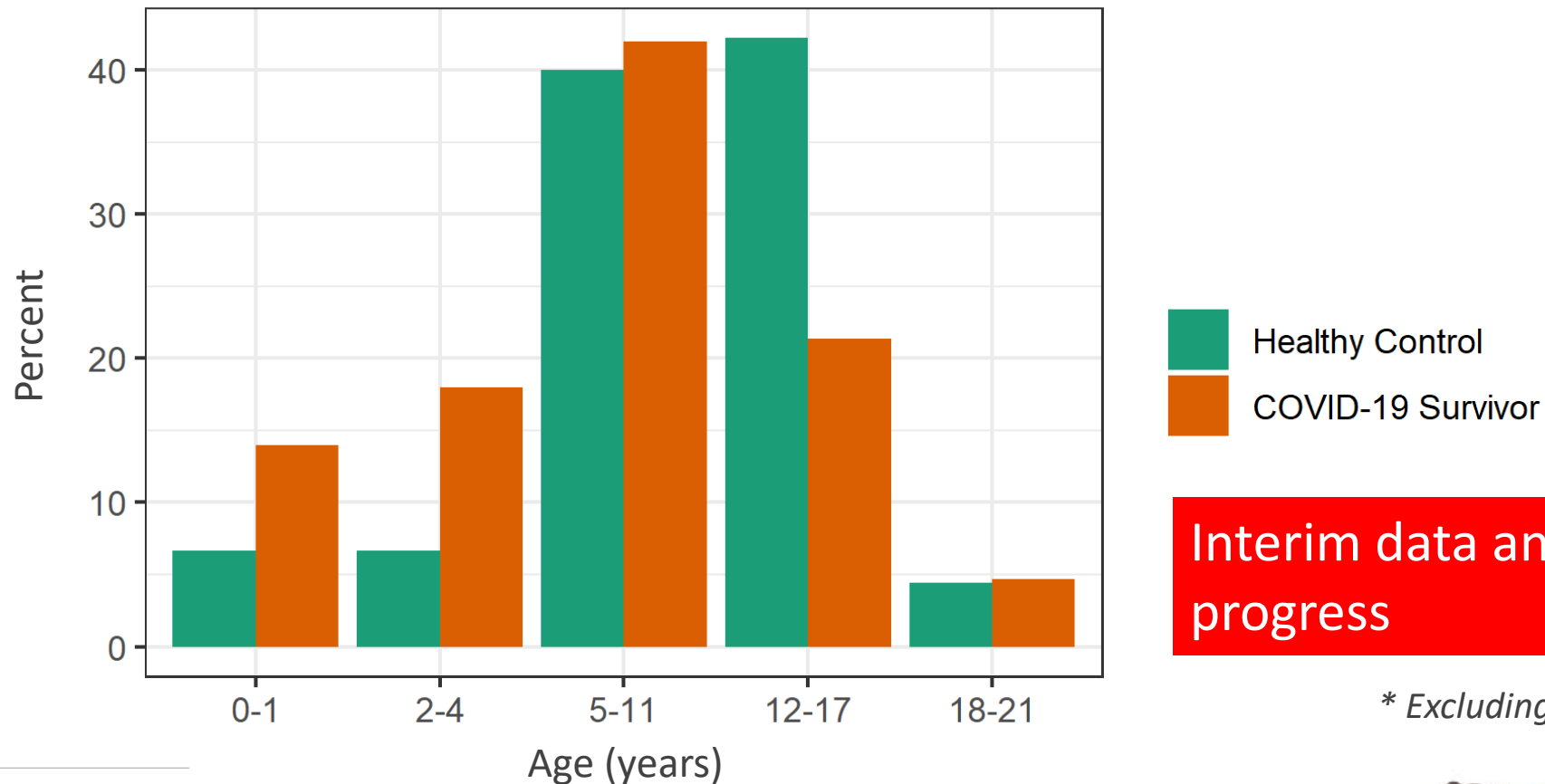
- Recruiting 1000 participants  $\leq 21$  years of age
  - COVID and MIS-C Survivors
    - Symptomatic and Asymptomatic
    - Hospitalized, Non-hospitalized
  - Healthy Contacts
- 3-year follow-up study
- Detailed evaluation of heart, lung, quality of life neurodevelopment and mental health
  - Echocardiogram, Electrocardiogram, Cardiac MRI
  - Pulmonary Function Testing, Chest/Lung Imaging
  - Validated Surveys
  - Lab evaluation of organ function
- Biorepository of Specimens
  - Antibody Responses overtime
  - Genetics of Disease
  - T-Cell Responses
  - Biomarkers of Severity

[ChildrensNational.org/COVIDstudy](https://ChildrensNational.org/COVIDstudy)



To date, 46% of target enrolled (460/1000)

## Age distribution of first 200 Survivors\* and Healthy Controls



Interim data analysis in progress

*\* Excluding MIS-C from survivors*



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### Special Pathogens Isolation Unit and Response Team



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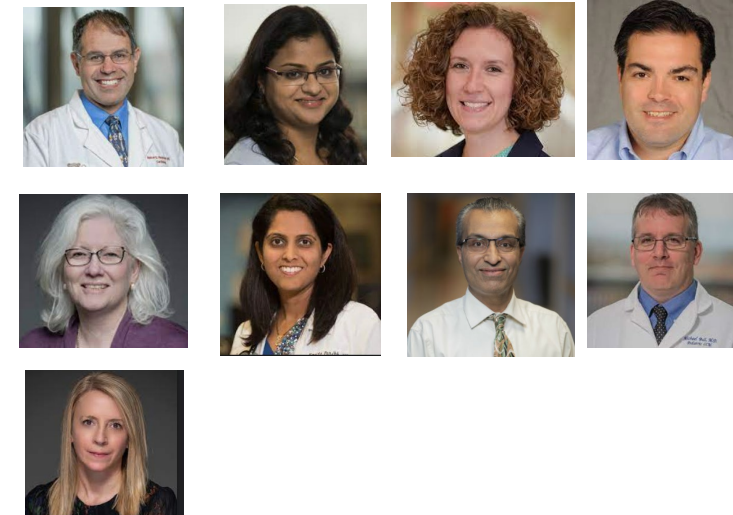
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- Hematology: Suvankar,
- Critical Care: Bell, Sharron
- Hospitalist Medicine: Smith, Parikh
- Emergency Medicine: Pershad, Kline
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### Congenital Zika Program



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