

# Care for a children and Young Persons with mild and moderate COVID-19 at home

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# Outline

- Epidemiology
- Mild case
- Management strategies: isolation at home
- Standard of care
- Treatment strategy in COVID-19 children with comorbidities
- Conclusion





# Global epidemiological overview on children and adolescents

(30 December 2019-04 October 2021; 172 countries)

Age group	Number of cases	Proportion to global cases (%)
< 5 years	1,738,962	1.8
5- 14 years	6,211,429	6.6
15- 24 years	13,903,170	14.7

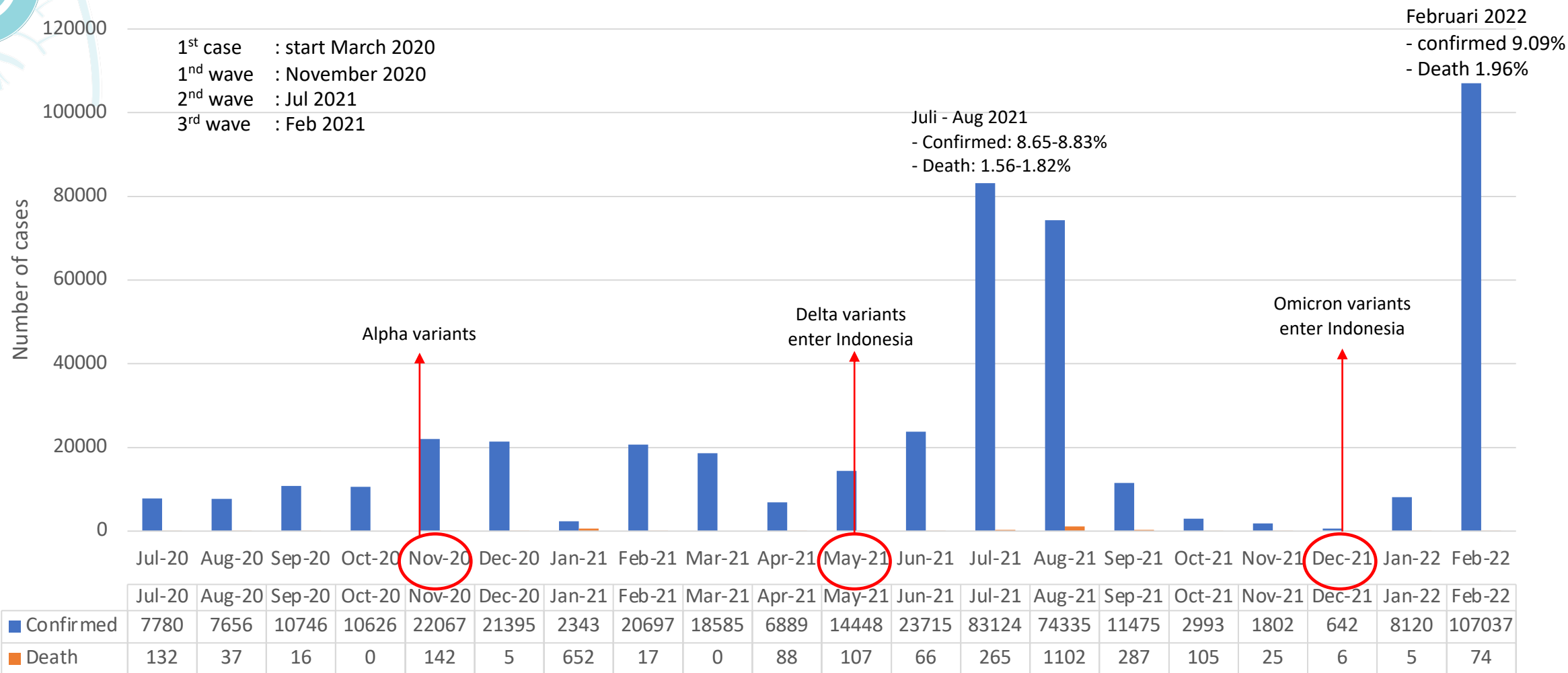
Total global cases (confirmed and probable) reported to WHO, all ages: 94,828,010

Age group	Number of deaths	Proportion to global deaths (%)
< 5 years	1,776	0.1
5- 14 years	1,272	0.07
15- 24 years	6,626	0.4

Total global deaths (confirmed and probable) reported to WHO, all ages: 1,873,639

# Confirmed Pediatric Case in Indonesia

Indonesia COVID-19 task force



- On March 1, 2022. A 2-year-old boy had a fever for three days. His temperature was as high as 38.9 °C with dry cough, cold and sneezing
- He presented no fast breathing, GI problems, irritability, and no weakness; with good appetite
- There was also no clear history of exposure to patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 or other infectious diseases in the family and day care
- No history of food and drug allergies or other medical conditions
- Term infant



SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR  
Gene N detected  
CT value 23.02

Patient came to primary care or hospital outpatient settings with signs & symptoms

## Manifestations and organ/apparatus involvement in the pediatric population with SARS-CoV-2 infection

### UPPER AIRWAYS

Sore throat - Nasal congestion - Running nose - Cough

### LOWER AIRWAYS

Cough – Tachypnea - Shortness of breath – Dyspnea – Cyanosis - Oxygen saturation < 92% - Acute respiratory distress syndrome

### GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

Nausea/vomiting - Abdominal pain – Diarrhea - Trouble feeding

### CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Headache – Dizziness - Seizures

### SYSTEMIC FEATURES

Fever – Fatigue – Myalgia - Skin rash - Multiple organ failure - Multi-system inflammatory syndrome

neither absence nor presence of signs or symptoms are accurate enough to rule in or rule out COVID-19.

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Do you live in an area with malaria, dengue or other endemic infectious diseases?



Need further testing

Borrelli M, et al. Front Pediatr. 2021 May 28;9:668484  
Struyf T, et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2021 Feb 23;2(2):CD01366.





## Management strategies





# Disease severity (WHO)



## Children with confirmed COVID-19

### Non-severe

- Absence of signs of severe or critical diseases

fever, cough, sore throat, malaise, headache, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell)  
no shortness of breath, dyspnea, or abnormal chest imaging

Isolation at home

### Severe

- SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤90%\*
- Raised RR
- Signs of severe respiratory distress
- presence of any other general danger signs\*\*

inability to breastfeed or drink, lethargy, convulsions or reduced level of consciousness

### Critical

- Requires life sustaining treatment
- ARDS
- Sepsis
- Septic shock

# 1<sup>st</sup> the ideal scenario

HCW's decision

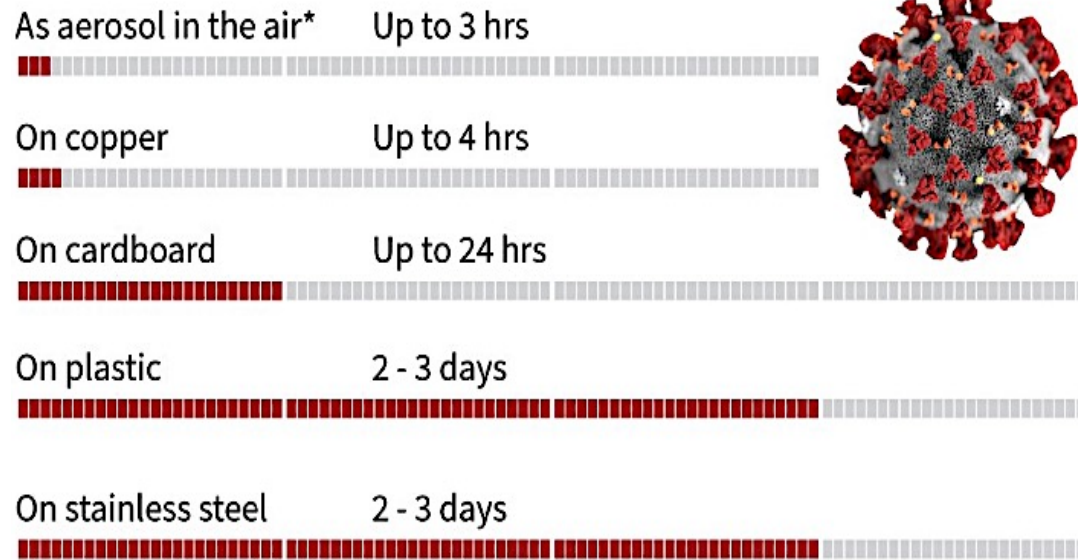
## Provide support:

- Support the well-being of the child
- Help cover basic needs
  - For most children, symptoms last a few days and usually feel better after a week
  - Some (OTC) medicines for fever
  - Drinks a lot of fluids; continue breastfeeding
  - Rests

## Protect yourself

- Limit contact
- Use a separate bedroom & bathroom
- Open the window to increase air circulation
- Avoid sharing personal items
- Throw out stuffs contain child's body fluid into the bin
- Washed hands
- Wear mask
- Test to prevent spread to others

## and frequently clean and disinfect surfaces

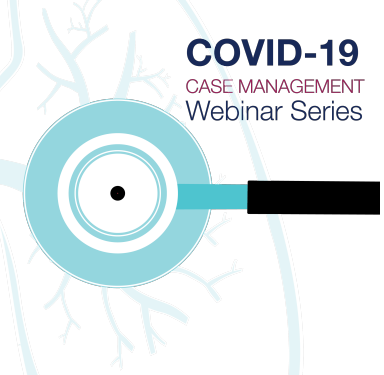


Study and paper by :  
New England Journal of Medicine  
CDC  
Universitis of California, LA, Princeton

\*Researchers used a nebulizer  
to simulate coughing or sneezing,  
and found that the virus became an  
aerosol

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- Virus can spread “after infected people sneeze, cough on, or touch surfaces, or objects, such as tables, doorknobs and handrails”.
- The WHO adds that “**disinfection practices are important to reduce the potential for COVID-19 virus contamination**”.



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# Are you caring for children under the age of 5?



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COVID-19 CLINICAL CARE PATHWAY

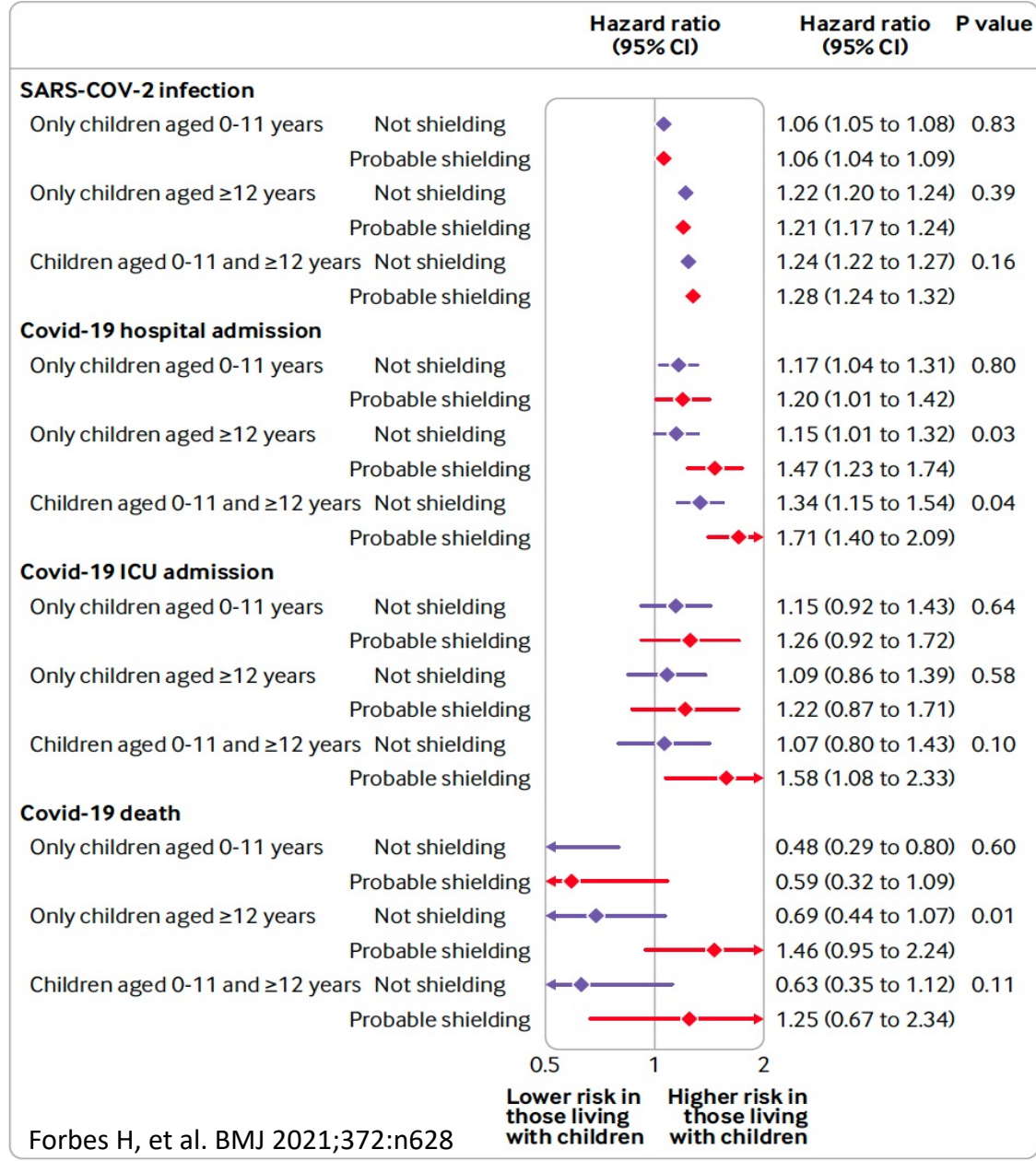


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- People who are at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19 (e.g., older adults, people with some chronic health issues) should avoid caring
- Having one parent/caregiver care for the child can reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread to other household members.
- If the child has COVID-19, the the household members need to self-isolate. This may be for additional time after the child's last day of self-isolation



**Asyntomatic Infection**

**Mild Infection**

**Moderate Infection**

**Severe Infection**

**Critical Infection**

Therapy strategies: symptomatic treatment

Clinical picture	Supportive care	Antiviral treatment
<b>Asymptomatic infection</b>	None	None
<b>Mild case:</b> Upper respiratory signs, non-respiratory problems (GI problems, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paracetamol (10–15 mg/kg every 4–6 h) in case of fever &gt; 38 °C</li> <li>Vitamin</li> </ul>	None
<b>Moderate case:</b> Pneumonia without respiratory distress  *Takipnea <2 month old ≥60x/menit; 2–11 month old ≥50x/menit; 1–5 yo ≥40x/menit, >5 yo ≥30x/menit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paracetamol in case of fever &gt; 38 °C</li> <li>Oxygen therapy if needed (target oxygen saturation &gt; 95%)</li> <li>Intravenous access, adequate fluid and caloric intake based on hydration status</li> <li>Antivirus</li> <li>Corticosteroid</li> <li>Avoid empiric antibiotic treatment if no evidence of bacterial infection (consult an ID specialist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dexamethasone (0.1–0.2 mg/kg) or methylprednisolone (1–2 mg/kg day)</li> <li>Antivirus Remdesivir (5 mg/kg/1st day than 2.5 mg/kg for 5 days) or favipiravir</li> </ul>
<b>Severe illness:</b>  Severe pneumonia (nasal flare, chest indrawing, cyanosis, desaturation SpO2 <95%)  Danger signs (seizure, decrease of consciousness, profuse vomiting, inability to drink) with or without respiratory problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paracetamol in case of fever &gt; 38 °C</li> <li>Airway maintenance</li> <li>Oxygen therapy (target oxygen saturation &gt; 95%)</li> <li>Intravenous access, adequate fluid and caloric intake based on hydration status. Monitor urinary output.</li> <li>Antivirus</li> <li>Corticosteroid</li> <li>Monitor vital signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dexamethasone</li> <li>Antivirus Remdesivir</li> <li>Empiric antibiotic treatment if any evidence of bacterial infection (consult an ID specialist)</li> </ul>
<b>Critical illness:</b>  ARDS, respiratory failure, shock, heart failure, MODS  Conditions requiring mechanical ventilation or ECMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paracetamol in case of fever &gt; 38 °C</li> <li>Airway maintenance</li> <li>Oxygen therapy using mechanical ventilation or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation</li> <li>Intravenous access, adequate fluid and caloric intake based on hydration status. Monitor urinary output.</li> <li>Antivirus</li> <li>Corticosteroid</li> <li>Monitor vital signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dexamethasone or methylprednisolone (1–2 mg/kg day)</li> <li>Antivirus</li> <li>Empiric antibiotic treatment if any evidence of bacterial infection (consult an ID specialist)</li> <li>Team decision: anticoagulant, IVIG, mn-Ab, etc</li> </ul>
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# WHO Recommendations AGAINST Treatment of Patients With COVID-19

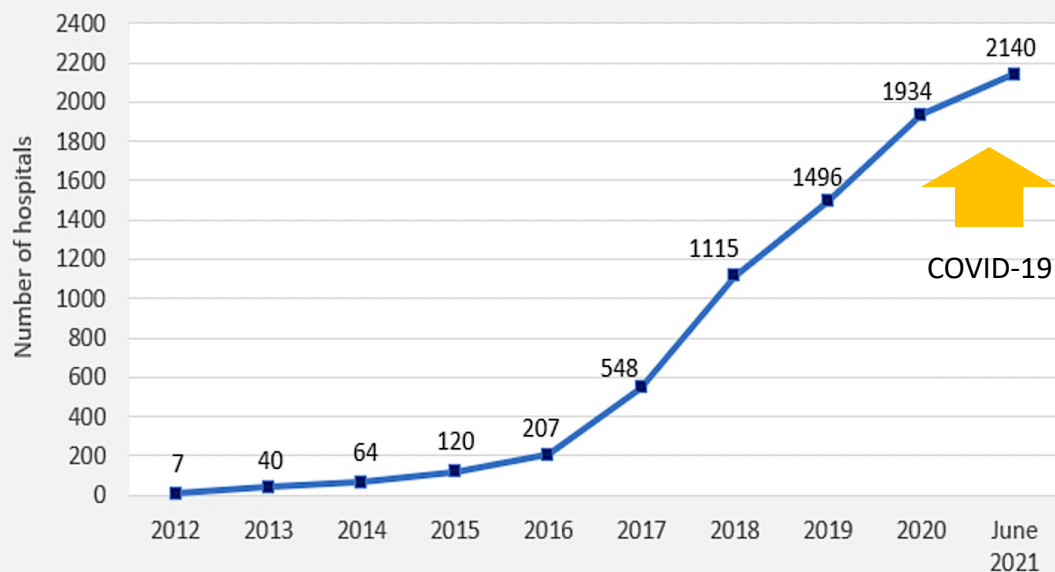
WHO Guidance <sup>1</sup>	Patient Population	Treatment
Not recommended	Non-severe COVID-19 patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A conditional recommendation against systemic corticosteroids</li> <li>• A conditional recommendation against remdesivir regardless of disease severity</li> <li>• a strong recommendation against convalescent plasma.</li> <li>• a strong recommendation against hydroxychloroquine</li> <li>• a strong recommendation against lopinavir/ritonavir</li> </ul>
Not recommended	Severe and critical COVID-19 patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A conditional recommendation against remdesivir regardless of disease severity</li> <li>• a conditional recommendation against ruxolitinib and tofacitinib.</li> <li>• a strong recommendation against hydroxychloroquine</li> <li>• a strong recommendation against lopinavir/ritonavir</li> </ul>

WHO Guideline. March 3, 2022.



# Considerations for AMR in the Covid-19 pandemic

Number of acute care hospitals reporting at least one month of data to  
NHSN's Antimicrobial Use (AU) Option, 2012-2021



US CDC. Antibiotic Use in the United States, 2021

Bogdanić N, et al. PLoS ONE. 2022;17(2): e0263437 Diaz, A., et al. Curr Trop Med Rep 5, 5–15 (2018).

<https://www.reactgroup.org/news-and-views/news-and-opinions/year-2020>

COVID-19 and Antimicrobial Resistance: Dual Health Threats. Nov 2020

L. Lansbury, B. Lim and V. Baskaran et al. / Journal of Infection 81 (2020) 266–275

**38%** of children in a village in Latin America carried bacteria resistant to colistin – a last line antibiotic.  
*Nordberg V. et al., PLoS One, 2013*

**2 of 3** cases of meningitis and neonatal sepsis in sub-Saharan Africa caused by bacteria resistant to antibiotics.  
*Okomo U. et al., Lancet Infect Dis, 2019*

**30%** of the burden of resistant infections in Europe falls on children under five.  
*Cassini A. et al, Lancet Infect Dis, 2018*

**90%** of newborns with sepsis in an intensive care unit in the Middle East had resistant bacteria.  
*AJ Jarousha AM. et al., Int J Infect Dis, 2009*

**83%** of children in South East Asia with sepsis were found to have *E. coli* bacteria resistant to first line antibiotics.  
*Le Doare K. et al., J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc., 2015*

The overall proportion of COVID-19 patients who have a bacterial coinfection is **lower than in previous influenza pandemics**

Only **6.9%** of COVID-19 patients were found to have bacterial co-infections or secondary infections<sup>6</sup>



# COVID-19

## The timeline: discharge from isolation



August 2020

# COVID-19

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August 2020

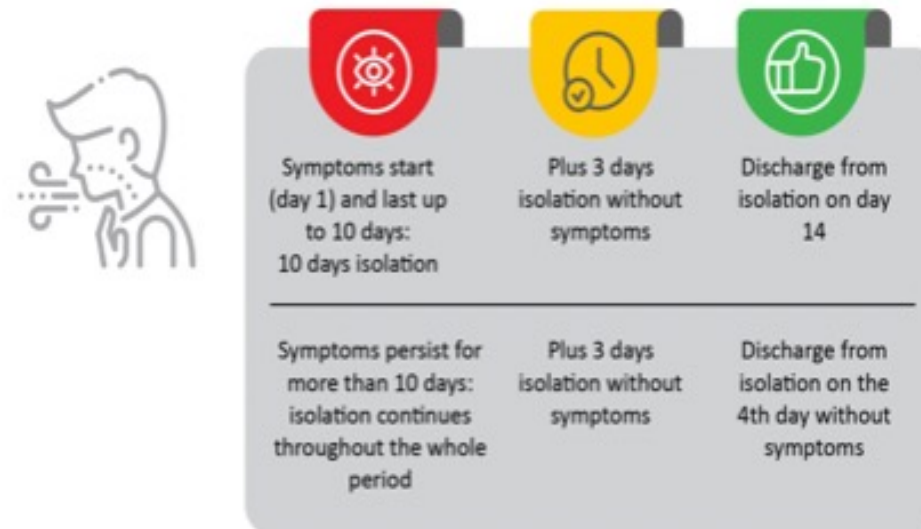
### Someone has a positive PCR test and no COVID-19 symptoms

- The day of the test is counted as day 1. Watch for symptoms.
- If no symptoms appear, isolate for 10 days.



### Someone with COVID-19 symptoms and a positive PCR test

- Isolation always includes 10 days from symptom onset plus an additional 3 days without symptoms.
- The minimum isolation period is 13 days, with release on day 14 (or later if symptoms persist).



## 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario

- A 16-year-old male HIV patient had a fever for two days. His temperature was as high as 39.3 °C with chill, muscle ache, weakness, and dry cough
- He presented no fast breathing, chest tightness or chest pain, GI problems, and no dizziness
- There was also no clear history of exposure to patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 both in the family and school
- Antiretroviral adherence treatment was poor with clinical failure and he was in treatment of tuberculosis
- He had one shot of COVID-19 vaccination



SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR  
Gene N detected  
CT value 12.00



Asymptomatic Infection

Mild Infection

Moderate Infection

Severe Infection

Critical Infection

AND

Know your risk,  
**lower your risk**



Therapy strategies



# Know your risk:

Kompaniyets L, et al. JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4(6):e2111182. Published 2021 Jun

## A Hospitalization

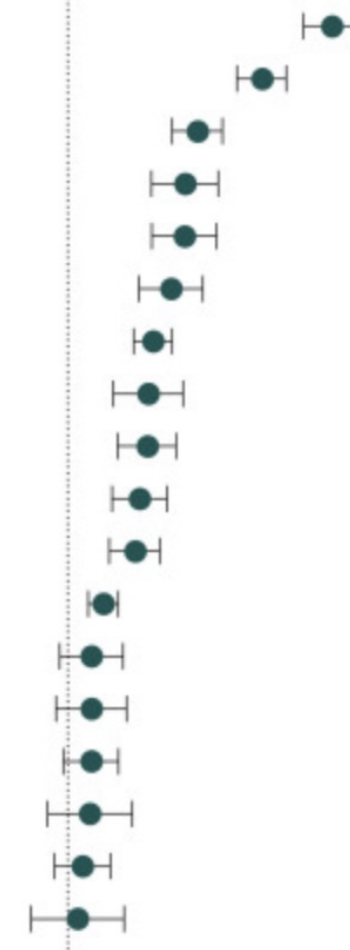
### Medical condition

### Risk ratio (95% CI)

Lower risk of  
hospitalization

Higher risk of  
hospitalization

Type 1 diabetes	4.60 (3.91-5.42)
Obesity	3.07 (2.66-3.54)
Cardiac and circulatory congenital anomalies	2.12 (1.83-2.45)
Epilepsy, convulsions	1.97 (1.62-2.39)
Other specified status	1.96 (1.63-2.37)
Trauma and stressor-related disorders	1.82 (1.51-2.18)
Neurodevelopmental disorders	1.64 (1.47-1.83)
Type 2 diabetes	1.59 (1.30-1.95)
Depressive disorders	1.58 (1.34-1.87)
Essential hypertension	1.51 (1.29-1.78)
Anxiety and fear-related disorders	1.47 (1.27-1.70)
Asthma	1.23 (1.13-1.34)
Tobacco-related disorders	1.15 (0.96-1.38)
Other congenital anomalies	1.15 (0.93-1.41)
Esophageal disorders	1.14 (0.98-1.34)
Other upper respiratory disease	1.14 (0.89-1.45)
Sleep/wake disorders	1.09 (0.93-1.28)
Headache including migraine	1.06 (0.81-1.39)

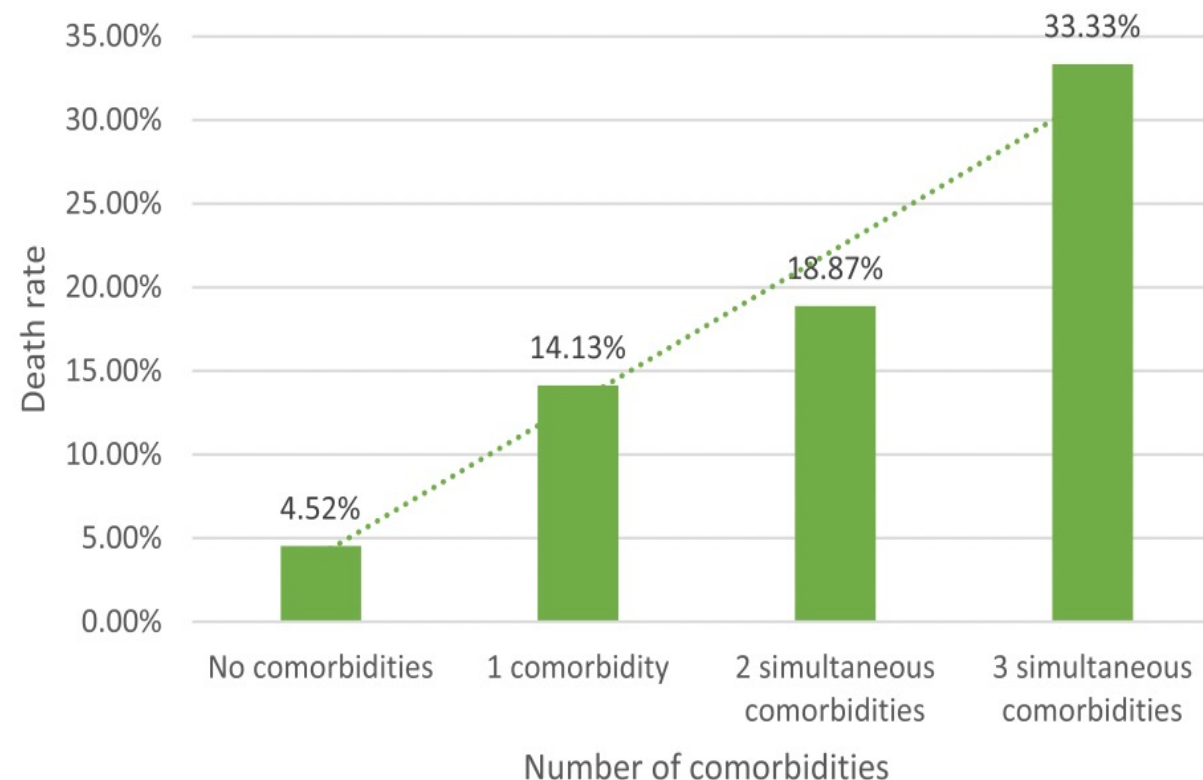
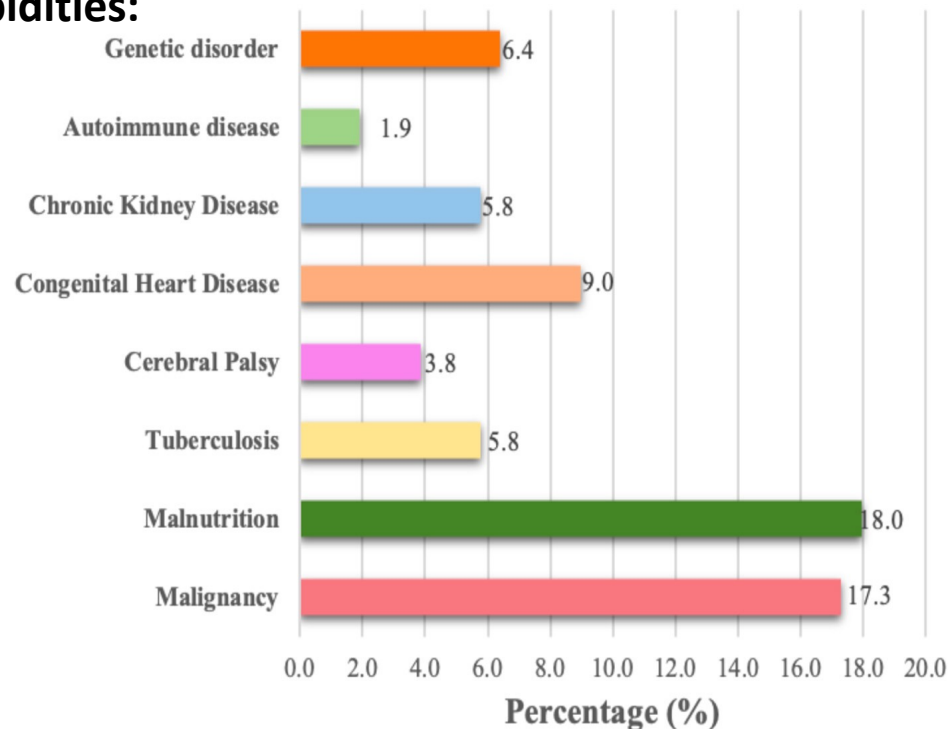


# Report From Indonesian Pediatric Society Data Registry: Death case

Until December 2020:

- 37,706 reported confirmed
- 175 cases resulted in death (CFR 0.46).

## Comorbidities:



Pudjiadi AH, et al. Front. Pediatr. 9:716898. doi: 10.3389/fped.2021.716898

Madani et al. BMC Pediatrics (2021) 21:563

## WHO Recommendations FOR patients with non-severe COVID-19:

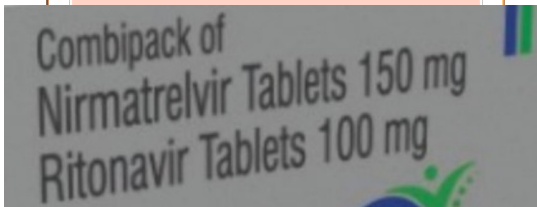
WHO Guidance <sup>1</sup>	Patient Population	Treatment
Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A conditional recommendation for those at highest risk of hospitalization.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sotrovimab</li><li>Molnupiravir → not for pediatric</li></ul>
Recommends in clinical trial only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not recommended, regardless of COVID-19 disease severity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ivermectin</li></ul>

\*Local variants should be considered when selecting monoclonal antibody treatment.

†NIH guidelines warn against using casirivimab/imdevimab as PEP, citing lack of efficacy vs Omicron VOC.<sup>2</sup>

WHO Guideline. March 3, 2022.

# Efficacy reduced the risk of hospitalization or death through Day 28



Paxlovid®

88-89%

use in pediatric patients  
aged ≥12 years and  
weighing ≥40 kg

**\$530 for each 5-day course**



Sotrovimab  
injection  
500 mg/8 mL  
(62.5 mg/mL)

For intravenous infusion after further dilution.  
Contains One 8-mL Single-Dose Vial.  
Discard Unused Portion.

For Use Under Emergency Use  
Authorization (EUA)

Sotrovimab

79-85%

use in pediatric  
patients aged ≥12 years  
and weighing ≥40 kg

**\$2,100 for one i.v treatment**

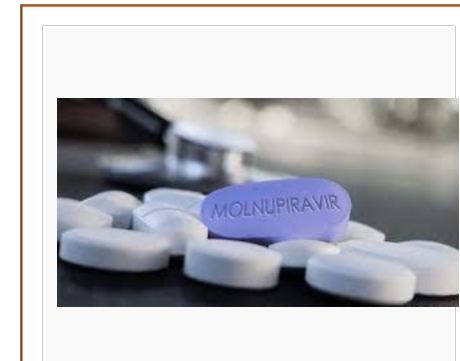


Remdesivir

87%

Use in pediatric patients  
age <12 years and  
weighing ≥3.5 kg

**\$2,340 for a 5-day  
course of treatment  
(\$390/vial)**



Molnupiravir

30%

Use for age ≥18 years  
**\$700 per five-day course**

NIH COVID-19 treatment guideline, 24 Feb 2022



# Monitoring



## Logbook

Gejala	Senin	Selasa	Rabu	Kamis	Jumat	Sabtu	Minggu
Tanggal							
Demam							
Batuk							
Pilek							
Nyeri kepala							
Diare							
Muntah							
Ruam							

## Logbook

Gejala	Senin	Selasa	Rabu	Kamis	Jumat	Sabtu	Minggu
Tanggal							
Suhu							
Saturasi O2							
Frekuensi Nadi							
Laju Napas							
Keluhan lain							

Diary isolasi mandiri anak IDAI 2021



it's time to go to  
the health care facility

# Conclusion

- Most children and young people who get COVID-19 don't get very ill or don't have any symptoms.
  - Isolation at home
  - All care at home should be done under clinical supervision
- The protocol treatment for isolate your COVID-19 children are **provide support** children well-nourished, well-hydrated, the well-being of the child and **protect yourself** (parents/caregiver)
- The WHO gives a conditional recommendation drugs for those at highest risk of hospitalization.
- Monitor the condition regularly and complications/red flags



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Thank you