



## TYPICAL PRESENTATION AND MODES OF TRANSMISSION

### GENERAL

Less severe than adults; less likely to present with fever, shortness of breath or cough than adults  
Often have viral co-infections (in up to two-thirds of cases); More upper respiratory tract involvement than lower  
Longer incubation period from exposure to onset of symptoms for children (6.5-7.5 days) compared to adults (5.4 days)

### LABS

Thrombocytosis, lymphopenia, neutropenia, elevated CRP, elevated procalcitonin, elevated CK, elevated ALT

### IMAGING

Chest Xray: bilateral ground glass opacities  
Chest CT: nonspecific unilateral/bilateral lesions

### MODES OF TRANSMISSION

Coughing, sneezing, rubbing eyes, close contacts, possibly fecal-oral  
There is no data confirming vertical transmission

### COMMON PRESENTING SYMPTOMS

#### Age ≤ 9 Years

- Fever (46%)
- Cough (37%)
- Headache (15%)
- Diarrhea (14%)
- Sore Throat (12%)
- Myalgia (10%)
- Others (≤10%): Shortness of Breath, Runny Nose, Nausea/Vomiting, Abdominal Pain, Loss of taste/smell

#### Age 10-19 Years

- Headache (42%)
- Cough (41%)
- Fever (35%)
- Myalgia (30%)
- Sore Throat (29%)
- Diarrhea (14%)
- Shortness of Breath (12%)
- Others (≤10%): Runny Nose, Abdominal Pain, Loss of Smell/Taste



**Infants < 12 months old** have feeding difficulty and isolated fever, often with minimal respiratory symptoms.

**Uncommon presentations** include a case presentation of a patient who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 with severe thrombocytopenia and wet purpura in the setting of suspected ITP.



## REPORTED COMORBIDITIES WITH COVID-19 INFECTION

Young children (infants) more susceptible to severe disease than older children in some, but not all studies  
Asthma or other chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, immunocompromised status, hematologic disease, prematurity, metabolic disease.  
Mortality <0.1% in a meta-analysis of 7480 children with confirmed COVID-19 infection.



## MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME

### CDC's definition and diagnostic criteria for Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome:

An individual under 21 years presenting with fever (at least 38°C for at least 24 hours or a subjective fever lasting 24 hours), laboratory evidence of inflammation (including but not limited to an elevated CRP, ESR, fibrinogen, procalcitonin, D-dimer, ferritin, LDH, IL-6, and neutrophils; reduced lymphocytes; and low albumin) and evidence of clinically severe illness requiring hospitalization with multisystem (≥2) organ involvement (cardiac, renal, respiratory, hematologic, gastrointestinal, dermatologic or neurological);

AND

No alternative plausible diagnoses;

AND

Positive for current or recent SARS-CoV-2.

### Frequency of Diagnosis:

Incidence currently unknown, but thought to be rare.

### Common Presentation in Cohort Studies:

#### Phase 1:

**MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS:** high fever, diarrhea, abdominal pain, elevated CRP and procalcitonin, lymphopenia  
**OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:** acute kidney injury, neurocognitive symptoms

#### Phase 2:

Fever persists with additional mucocutaneous involvement (conjunctivitis, fissured lips, acral rash), thrombocytopenia, decreased C3 and C4, hepatosplenomegaly, capillary leak syndrome, severely dec albuminemia, diffuse edema

#### Phase 3:

Myocarditis, vasoplegic shock refractory to volume resuscitation

- Less likely to present with respiratory involvement, but most required mechanical ventilation for cardiovascular stabilization
- Small pleural pericardial and ascitic effusions suggestive of diffuse inflammatory process
- Some met criteria for Kawasaki Disease Shock Syndrome due to hypotension and clinical signs of hypoperfusion

**Labs:** neutrophilia, lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia, hyponatremia, slight increase in transaminases, high fibrinogen, high D-dimer, elevated proBNP, elevated CRP, elevated ferritin, elevated LDH