

Study Shows Children and Teenagers are Half as Likely to Catch COVID-19

Epidemiologists at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine recently carried out a study published in Nature Medicine to determine how susceptible different age groups are to getting COVID-19.

Members of the public are tested at DeCode Genetics' service center, a few miles from its headquarters in Reykjavik, Iceland.

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The study examines transmission models to determine how susceptible one is based on age. Data shows that clinical symptoms of COVID-19 show up in around 21% of people ages 10-19. Clinical symptoms show up 71% in those over the age of 70.

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If the number of infections or cases depends strongly on the role of children, countries with different age distributions could exhibit substantially different epidemic profiles and overall impact of Covid-19 epidemics,

People under 20 half as likely to catch Covid-19, study finds

Data was collected from China, Singapore, Canada, and South Korea and shows that those under the age of 20 may be 50% less susceptible to COVID-19. The CDC has also said that children may be less susceptible to COVID-19 and that adults make up the majority of the COVID-19 cases. Data also showed that children who did contract the virus were less likely to show

symptoms.