

U.S. is Nowhere Coronavirus Herd Immunity, Says New Study

The United States is nowhere near herd immunity from COVID-19, according to a new study that analyzed antibody data from more than 28,000 dialysis patients across the United States.

During the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer than 10% of the US adult population formed antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, and fewer than 10% of those with antibodies were diagnosed. Public health efforts to limit SARS-CoV-2 spread need to especially target racial and ethnic minority and densely populated communities.”

Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in a large nationwide sample of patients on dialysis in the USA

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Herd immunity has been put forth as a potential coronavirus management option for the U.S. If that strategy worked, it would be a boon for business, but this study indicates that that level of exposure isn't happening. Even if it was, scientists are still not sure long antibodies last.