

# Factors linked to severe COVID-19 in children identified

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(HealthDay)—COVID-19 generally causes mild disease in children, with

8 percent of children requiring intensive care unit (ICU) admission, according to a study published online June 25 in *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*.

Florian Götzinger, M.D., from the National Reference Center for Childhood Tuberculosis in Vienna, and colleagues conducted a multicenter cohort study involving 582 individuals aged 18 years or younger with confirmed severe acute respiratory syndrome [coronavirus 2](#) (SARS-CoV-2) infection, detected between April 1 and April 24, 2020.

The researchers found that 48 individuals (8 percent) required ICU admission, 25 (4 percent) required [mechanical ventilation](#), 19 (3 percent) required inotropic support, and one (

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