

# Prevalence of certain bacterial coinfections low for young COVID-19-positive febrile infants

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Febrile infants aged 8 to 60 days old who test positive for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) have a low prevalence of urinary tract infection (UTI), bacteremia, and bacterial meningitis, according to a study published online May 12 in *JAMA Network Open*.

Paul L. Aronson, M.D., from the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, and colleagues describe the prevalence of UTI, bacteremia, and [bacterial meningitis](#) among febrile infants aged 8 to 60 days with versus without SARS-CoV-2 in a multicenter cross-sectional study conducted at 106 hospitals in the United States and Canada. Data were included for 14,402 febrile infants, aged 8 to 60 days, with SARS-CoV-2 testing (26.1 percent tested positive).

The researchers found that a lower proportion of infants who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 compared with those who tested negative had UTI (0.8 versus 7.6 percent), bacteremia without meningitis (0.2 versus 2.1 percent), and bacterial meningitis (

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