

**MA PTA Health, Safety, and Wellness  
Webinar Series: Engaging Together To Be Healthy**

**Building Vaccine Confidence  
to Ensure Optimal Health  
for You and Your Families**

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# Life Before Vaccines

DIPHTHERIA				TUBERCULIN			
DATE	MATERIAL	DOSE	PHYSICIAN	DATE	RESULT	PHYSICIAN	
WHOOPING COUGH				TYPHOID			
				DATE	MATERIAL	DOSE	PHYSICIAN
TETANUS				OTHER IMMUNIZATIONS			
				DESCRIPTION	DATE	PHYSICIAN	
Booster March 29 1957				Booster	Jan 27 1949	Dr. Crocker	
Booster June 6 1959 -				Polio	Spring 55	4th booster June 6 1959	
				"	Fall 55	5th " " 1961	
				" booster	June 29 1956		
SMALLPOX				DATE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES CONTRACTED			
DATE	RESULT		PHYSICIAN	DISEASE	DATE	DISEASE	DATE
May 1949	1st one didn't take			Measles	Jan. 1952	Mumps	Dec. 1960
1957	Booster			German Measles	Sept. '48 - Sept. '51	Scarlet Fever	
				Whooping Cough		Other:	
				Diphtheria			
				Chicken Pox	March 3 1953		
SCHICK TEST				BLOOD GROUP: _____ Rh: _____			
				DRUG IDIOSYNCRASY _____			
Flu shot Sept. 1957							





# Life Before Vaccines

- **diphtheria**: in 1921 >15,000 deaths; toxoid vaccine in 1920's
- **polio 1952**: 21,000 paralyzed and 3100 died/year; vaccine: 1955
- **measles 1950's and 1960's**: 750,000 cases & 500 deaths/year; vaccine: 1963
- **rubella 1964-5**: 12 million infections, 20,000 babies born, 2100 deaths, 11,000 abortions; vaccine: 1969
- **HIB**: 1 out of every 200 children < age 5 had invasive disease; 1000 children per year died; vaccines 1985-7
- **chickenpox**: 100 deaths, 10,000 hospitalized; 30% get shingles later in life; vaccine: 1995
- **rotavirus**: severe diarrhea, ER visits, hospitalization; vaccines: 2006-8
- **HPV**: cervical cancer; head/neck cancer; vaccine: 2006
- Many physicians now are going through training without seeing these diseases



# Life Since Vaccines

- Smallpox has been eradicated
- Polio is near to being eradicated
- Rubella & congenital rubella rare in US
- Invasive Hib disease rare
- Chickenpox much less common; outbreaks among unimmunized clusters; shingles will be less common
- Invasive pneumococcal pneumonia less common in children AND adults
- Rotavirus less common in children and adults
- HPV: dramatic falls in cervical pre-cancers and cervical cancers

**Every \$ spent on vaccines  
save about \$10 in  
health care costs**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/08/cannot-forget-world-before-vaccines/#close>

<https://www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2019/lower-health-care-costs-act-highlights-the-value-of-vaccines/>



# Today Children are Safer and Healthier

Diphtheria \*

Tetanus \*

Pertussis \*

Polio \*

HIB

Chickenpox

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Pneumonia

Meningitis

Rotavirus

Measles\*

Mumps\*

Rubella\*

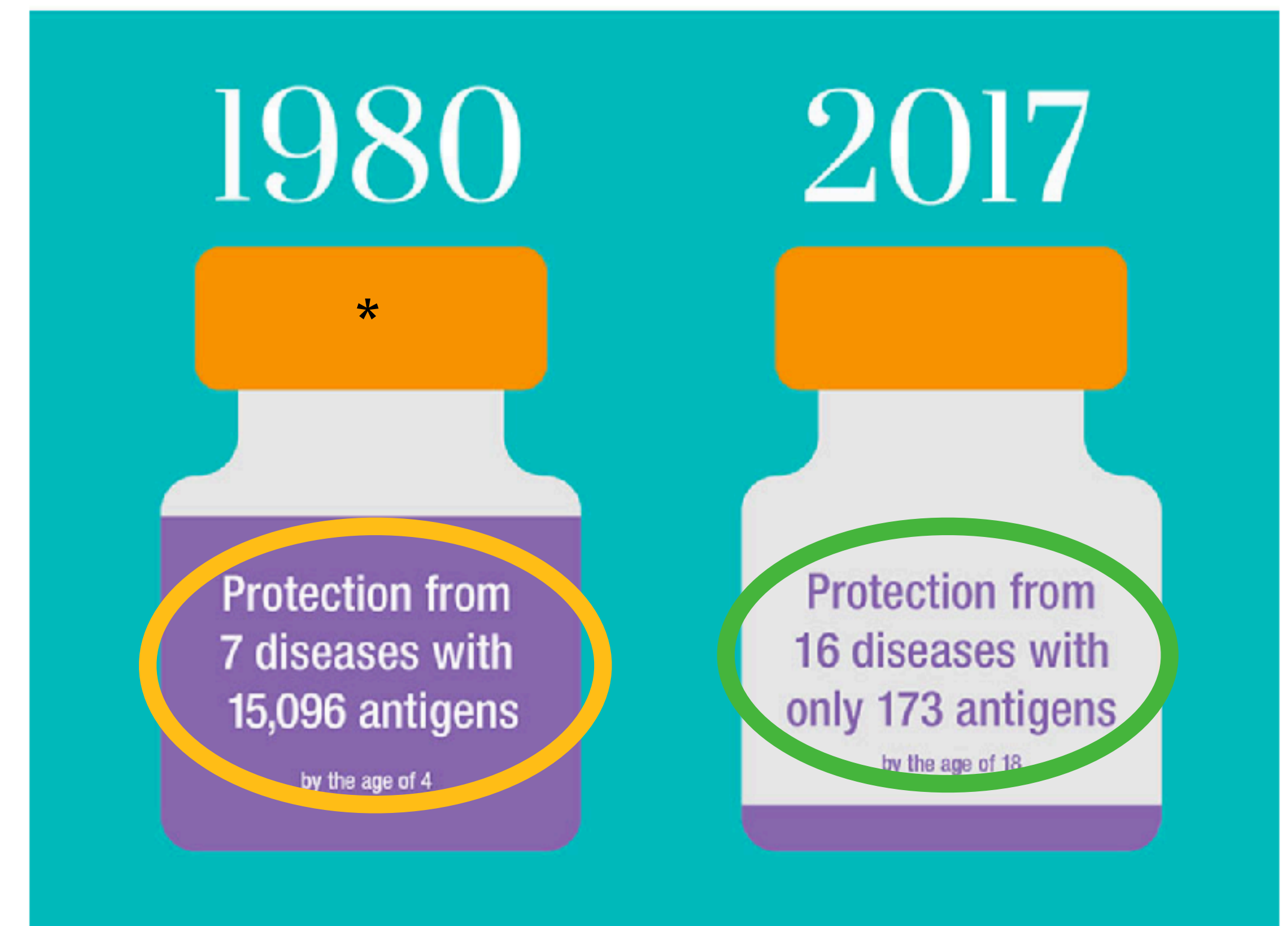
Influenza

HPV

Combination vaccines minimize the number  
of injections

## Vaccines Today Work Better Than Ever

Since 1980: More protection, fewer antigens.

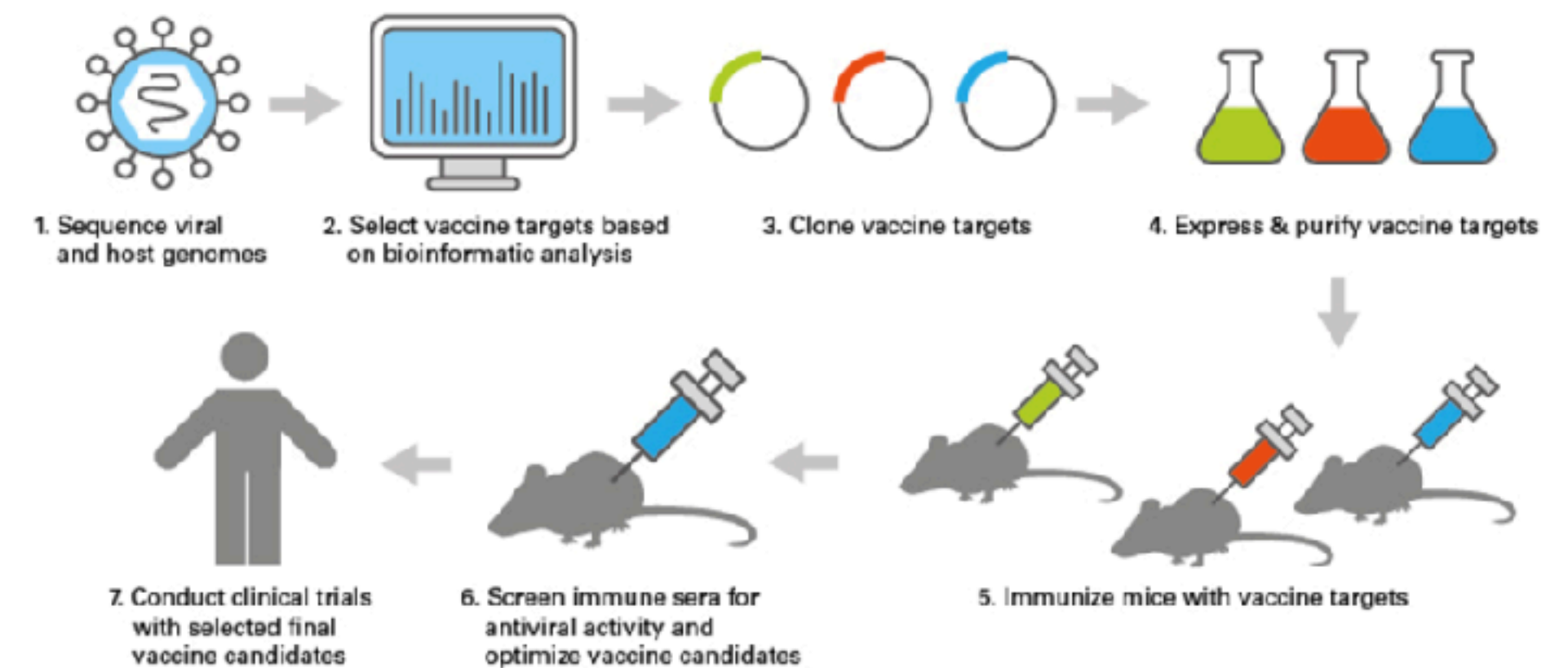


Based on CDC Recommended Vaccine Schedule U.S. for children birth to 18 years.

Source: Plotkin's Vaccines (Seventh Edition)

# How Are Vaccines Developed?

- What diseases are affecting people?
- How common are those diseases?
- What diseases cause injury, disability, death?
- At what age do those diseases occur?
- Can we develop a way of detecting this disease?
- Can we detect immunity to the disease?
- Is there an animal model for the disease / vaccine?
- Attempts to develop vaccines don't always work
- Few pharmaceutical companies invest heavily in vaccines
- More \$\$ in drugs for cancer, immunotherapy
- Could a vaccine be improved?





# How Are Vaccines Approved?



data & safety  
monitoring  
board (DSMB)  
at each phase

after licensing,  
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## How a new vaccine is developed, approved and manufactured

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**20-100  
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- Is this vaccine safe?
- Does this vaccine seem to work?
- Are there any serious side effects?
- How is the size of the dose related to side effects?

### PHASE 2



**several hundred  
volunteers**

- What are the most common short-term side effects?
- How are the volunteers' immune systems responding to the vaccine?

### PHASE 3



**hundreds or thousands  
of volunteers**

- How do people who get the vaccine and people who do not get the vaccine compare?
- Is the vaccine safe?
- Is the vaccine effective?
- What are the most common side effects?

**FDA licenses the vaccine only if:**

- It's safe and effective
- Benefits outweigh risks

Vaccines are made in batches called lots.



Manufacturers must test all lots to make sure they are safe, pure and potent. The lots can only be released once FDA reviews their safety and quality.

The FDA inspects manufacturing facilities regularly to ensure quality and safety.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.FDA.GOV/CBER](https://www.fda.gov/cber)

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HCW, elderly,  
nursing home,  
children,  
essential workers,  
medically-at-risk





# The Journey of Your Child's Vaccine

Before a new vaccine is ever given to people, extensive lab testing is done that can take several years. Once testing in people begins, it can take several more years before clinical studies are complete and the vaccine is licensed.

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Phase 2  
Safety &  
Immunogenicity

vaccine  
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made during  
phases 2-3  
Under O.W.S



# Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

15 voting members

8 ex-officio members

30 non-voting  
members  
from various  
organizations

meetings open to  
public

If the FDA licenses a vaccine, experts may consider adding it to the recommended immunization schedule.

## How a vaccine is added to the U.S. Recommended Immunization Schedule



The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is a group of medical and public health experts. Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) are among some of the groups that also bring related immunization expertise to the committee. This group carefully reviews all available data about the vaccine from clinical trials and other studies to develop recommendations for vaccine use. The ACIP continues to monitor vaccine safety and effectiveness data even after the vaccine's routine use and may change or update recommendations based on that data.

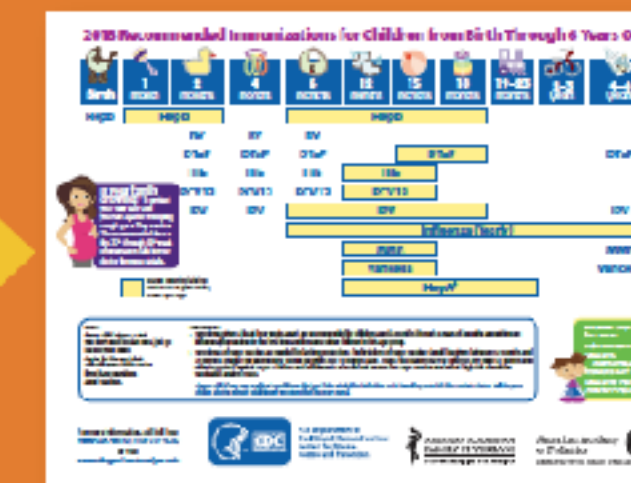
### When making recommendations, ACIP considers:



- How safe is the vaccine when given at specific ages?
- How well does the vaccine work at specific ages?
- How serious is the disease this vaccine prevents?
- How many children would get the disease the vaccine prevents if we didn't have the vaccine?

ACIP recommendations are not official until the CDC Director reviews and approves them and they are published. These recommendations then become part of the United States official childhood immunization schedule.

New vaccine to protect your child against  
a disease is added to the schedule.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/VACCINES](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)



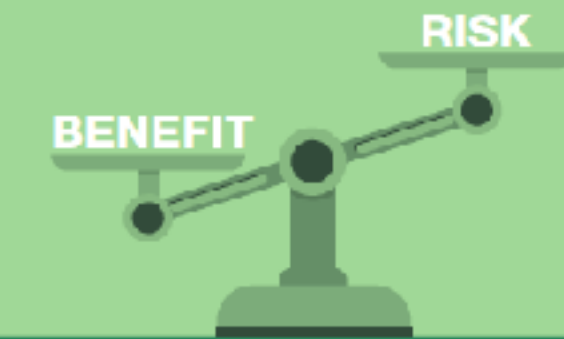
After being added to the U.S. Recommended Immunization Schedule, health experts continue to monitor the vaccine's safety and effectiveness.

**Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System** is a sentinel system and does not prove cause and effect

Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan

Boston Medical Center

## How a vaccine's safety continues to be monitored



### FDA and CDC closely monitor vaccine safety after the public begins using the vaccine.

The purpose of monitoring is to watch for adverse events (possible side effects). Monitoring a vaccine after it is licensed helps ensure that possible risks associated with the vaccine are identified.

#### Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

VAERS collects and analyzes reports of adverse events that happen after vaccination. Anyone can submit a report, including parents, patients and healthcare professionals.

#### Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) and Post-Licensure Rapid Immunization Safety Monitoring (PRISM)



Two networks of healthcare organizations across the U.S.

- **VSD** can analyze healthcare information from over 24 million people.

- **PRISM** can analyze healthcare information from over 190 million people.



Scientists use these systems to actively monitor vaccine safety.

#### Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Project (CISA)

CISA is a collaboration between CDC and 7 medical research centers.

- Vaccine safety experts assist U.S. healthcare providers with complex vaccine safety questions about their patients.

- CISA conducts clinical research studies to better understand vaccine safety and identify prevention strategies for adverse events following immunization.

Vaccine recommendations may change if safety monitoring reveals new information on vaccine risks (like if scientists detect a new serious side effect).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/VACCINESAFETY](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety)



# Additional Monitoring System for COVID-19 Vaccines



**V-safe** is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you and get more information. And **v-safe** will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one

Aim your smartphone's camera at this code



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

# How Is The Vaccine Schedule Developed?

- Vaccines are developed to prevent illnesses
- Vaccines should be given **before** diseases are likely to happen or before the diseases are known to cause problems
- The vaccines should be safe and cost-effective
- Pertussis: severe problem for children less than 6-12 months of age
- Pneumonia, Hib, rotavirus affect children before age 2
- Measles, chickenpox not a problem until after age 1 year
- Hepatitis B for neonates 90% chance of long term liver disease



# How Are Vaccine Studies Set Up?

- Each added vaccine is tested in conjunction with the current schedule
  - no interference with development of immunity
  - no increased risk of side effects
- Placebo-controlled studies in children
  - Polio vaccine
  - Danish study MMR & autism

**Polio Vaccine trial 1954**  
**440,000 received vaccine**  
**220,000 received placebo**  
**1.2 million “observed controls”**



# Why Are Some Vaccines Required for School?

- DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis
- Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae*
- MMR: measles, mumps, rubella
- Varicella: chickenpox
- Influenza
- Men ACWY: meningitis
- Polio
- Hepatitis B

spread by respiratory droplets



spread by contact



<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/school-immunizations>  
school requirements and school/county data

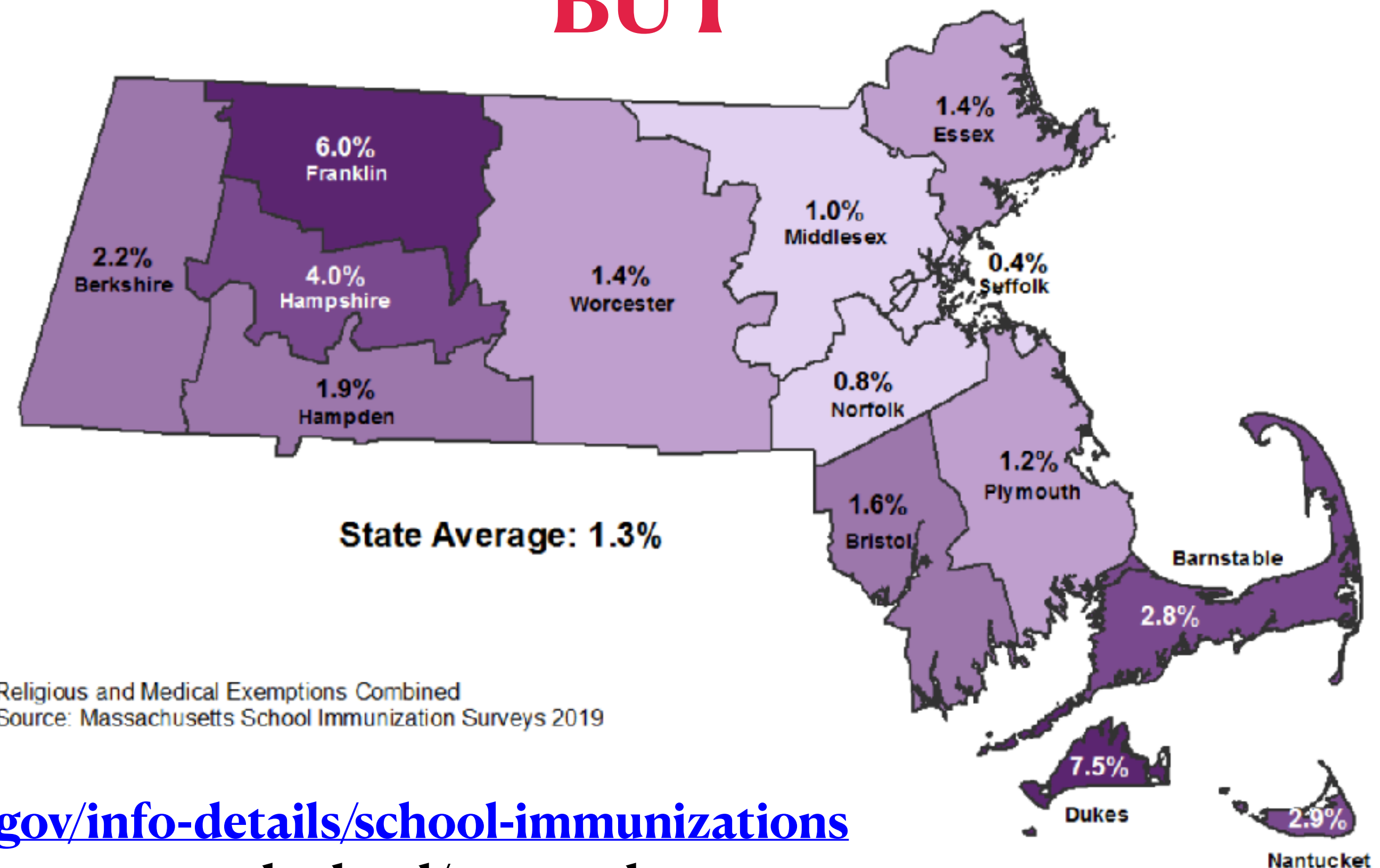


# How Are School Immunization Rates in MA?

- Based on 2019-2020 kindergarten immunization data reported to DPH for the 2019-2020 school year

- DTaP: 97%
- Polio: 97%
- MMR: 97%
- Hep B: 98%
- Varicella: 98%
- Average exemptions: 1.3%

**BUT**



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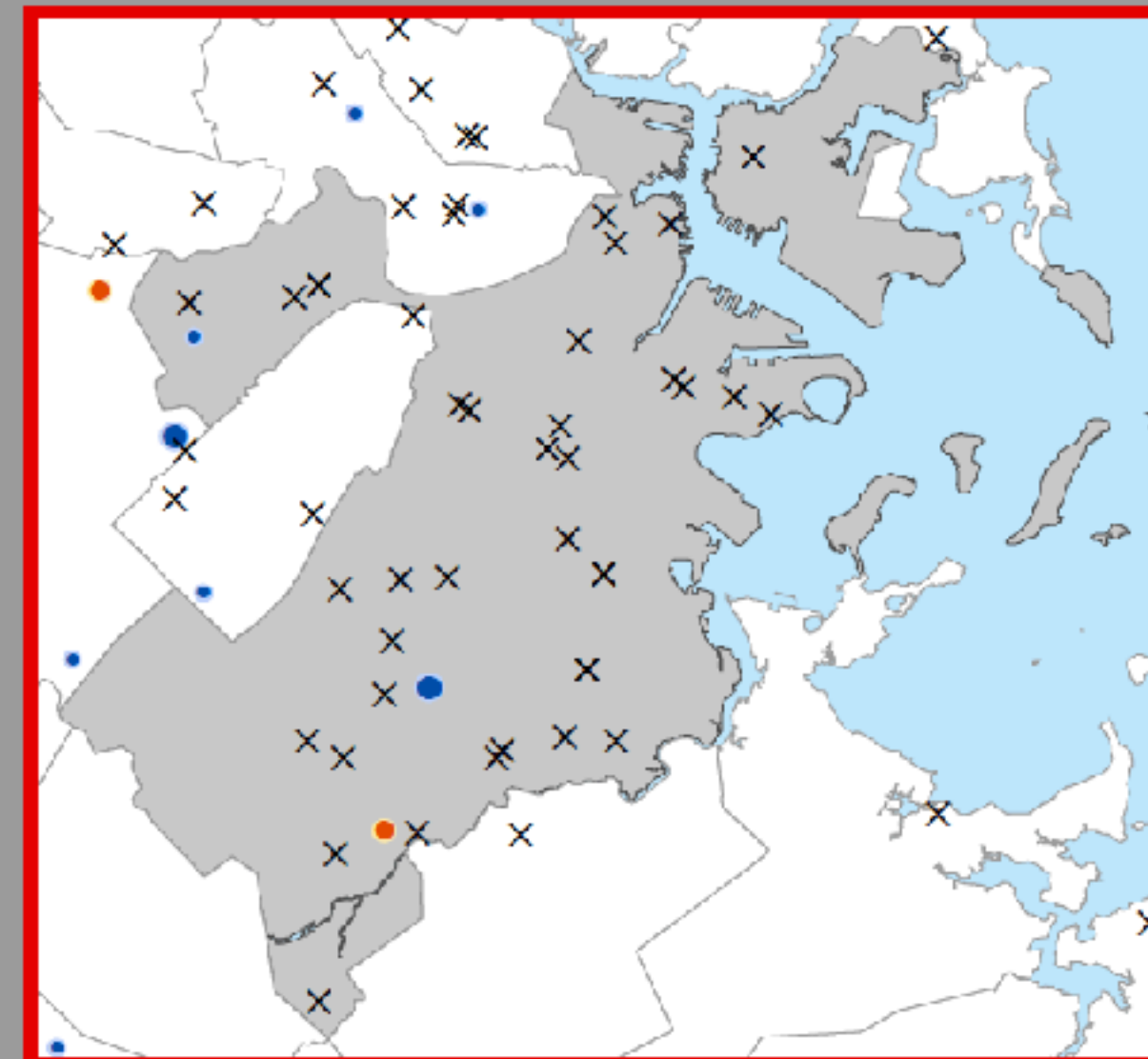
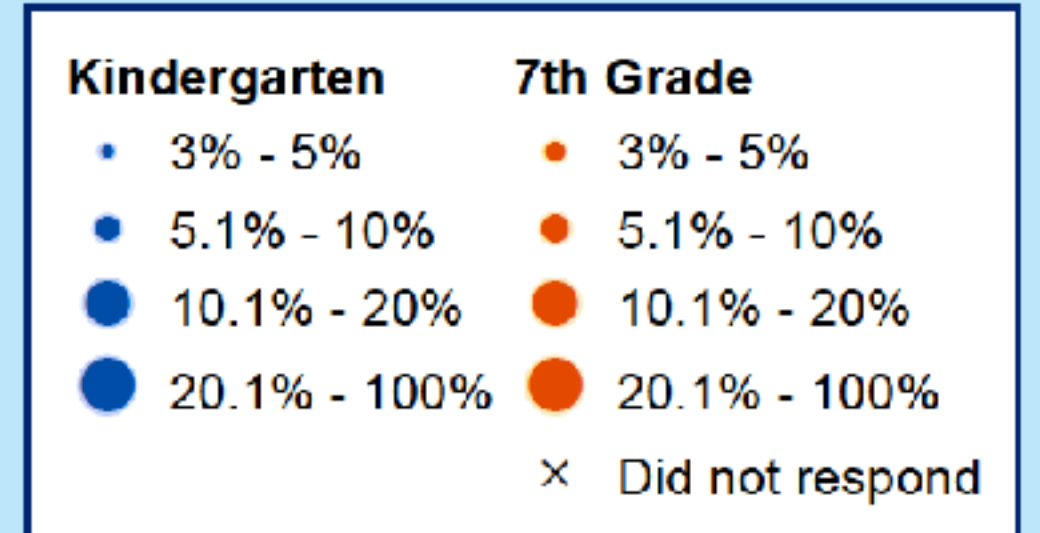
# Massachusetts Kindergarten & 7th Grade Vaccination Exemption Rates by School, 2018 - 2019

The information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. It is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-level analyses.

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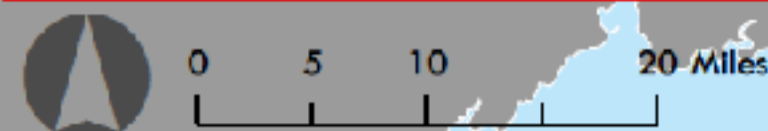
Data Sources: MAPC, MassGIS, MassDOT,  
Mass Department of Public Health

September 2019



This map was made by joining immunization records to MassGIS schools based on addresses and school IDs. There are 24 school records in the immunization data that could not be identified in the school database. This map also does not include schools that did not have data (i.e., reported fewer than 30 total students, had data discrepancies, or had a negative Gap).

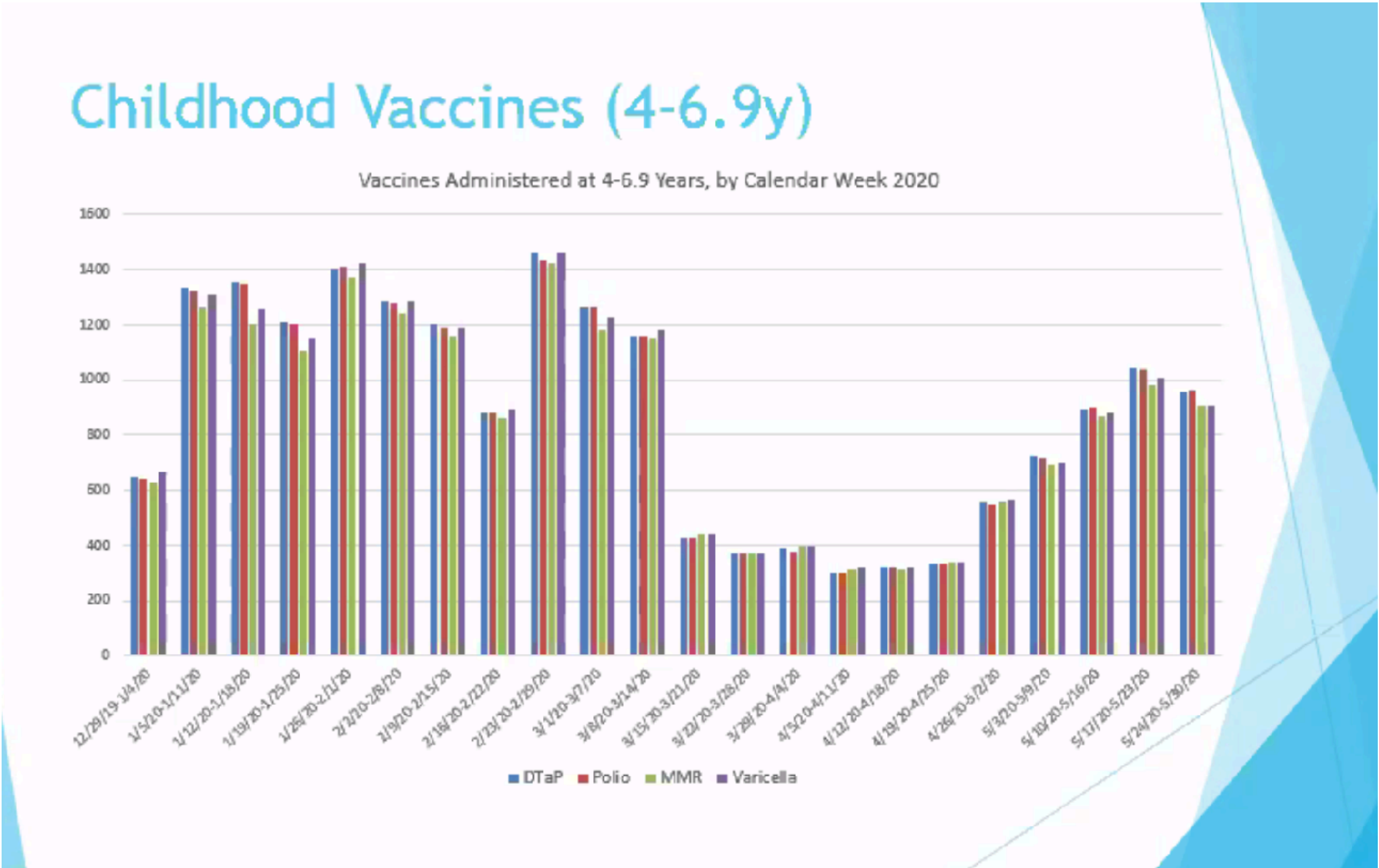
The downloadable immunization data can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/school-immunizations>





# Immunization Rates Have Fallen Significantly

Both in MA and around the US Due to COVID-19 Pandemic



# **Underimmunized Communities = Potential Outbreaks**

## **Measles is the Prime Example**

- 2016 OH Amish community; 383 cases; 90% unvaccinated
- 2017 MN Somali community; 79 cases; 91 % unimmunized; \$2 million
- 2019 NY religious community; 649 cases; 85% unimmunized; \$8.4 million
- 2019: WA; Ukrainian/Russian Orthodox; 2 outbreaks; 87 cases; 81% 0 or 1 dose
- 2019: Samoa; vaccination rate 31%; 5700 cases, 83 deaths
- Common factors: undervaccination, community, religious/personal exemptions



# Vaccine Hesitancy: Top 10 Threat



January 2019

## 50% of Americans would refuse COVID-19 Vaccine

September 2020 Pew Research Poll

<https://www.who.int/news-room/spotlight/ten-threats-to-global-health-in-2019>

# **Pandemics + Vaccine Hesitancy + Vaccination Delays = Longer Pandemics + Other Diseases**

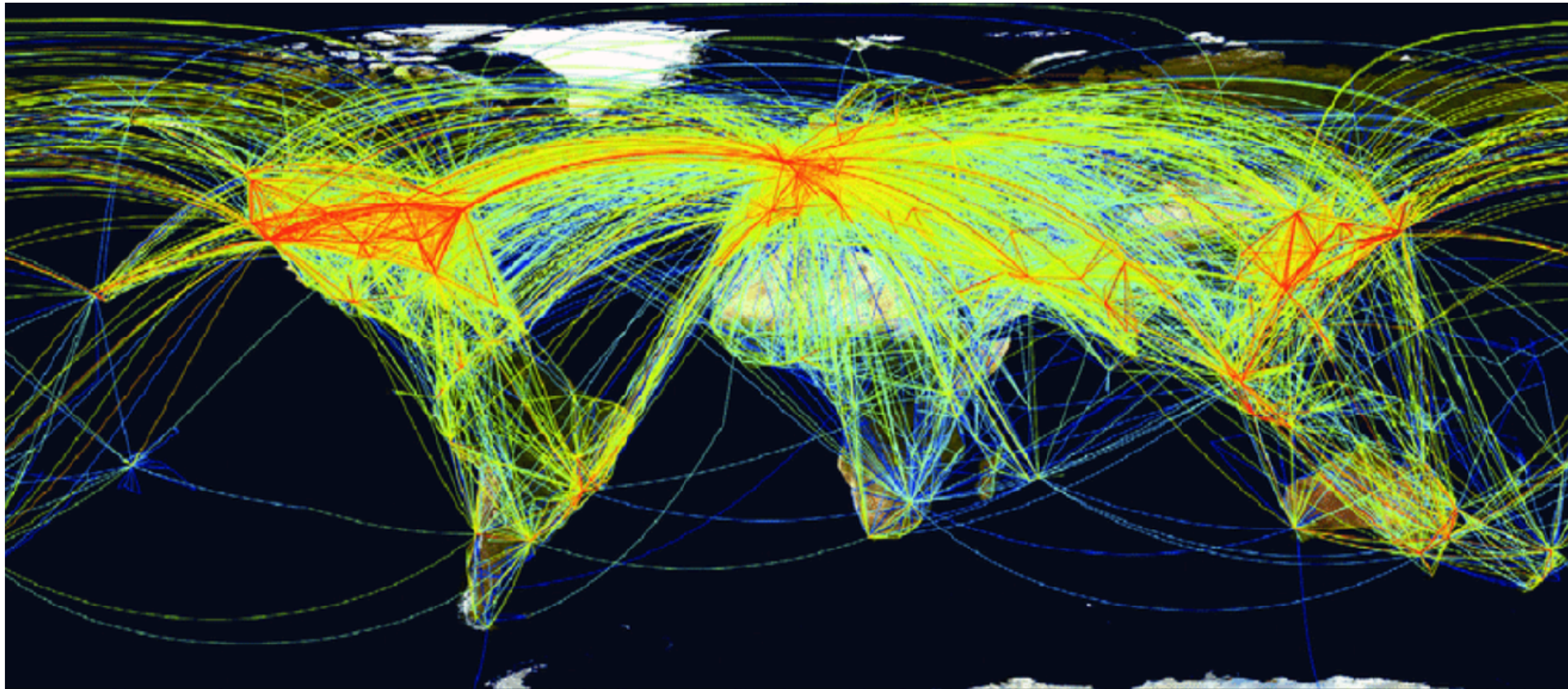
- Mumps, pertussis, rotavirus, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcus, chickenpox, influenza, meningitis are circulating at low levels NOW
- Will they become more common in US?
- Measles and rubella are common in developing countries
  - Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Philippines, Israel
  - >3400 measles cases in Central and South America in 2020





# **At Some Point, the Pandemic Will End**

**and people will travel again - YAY!**

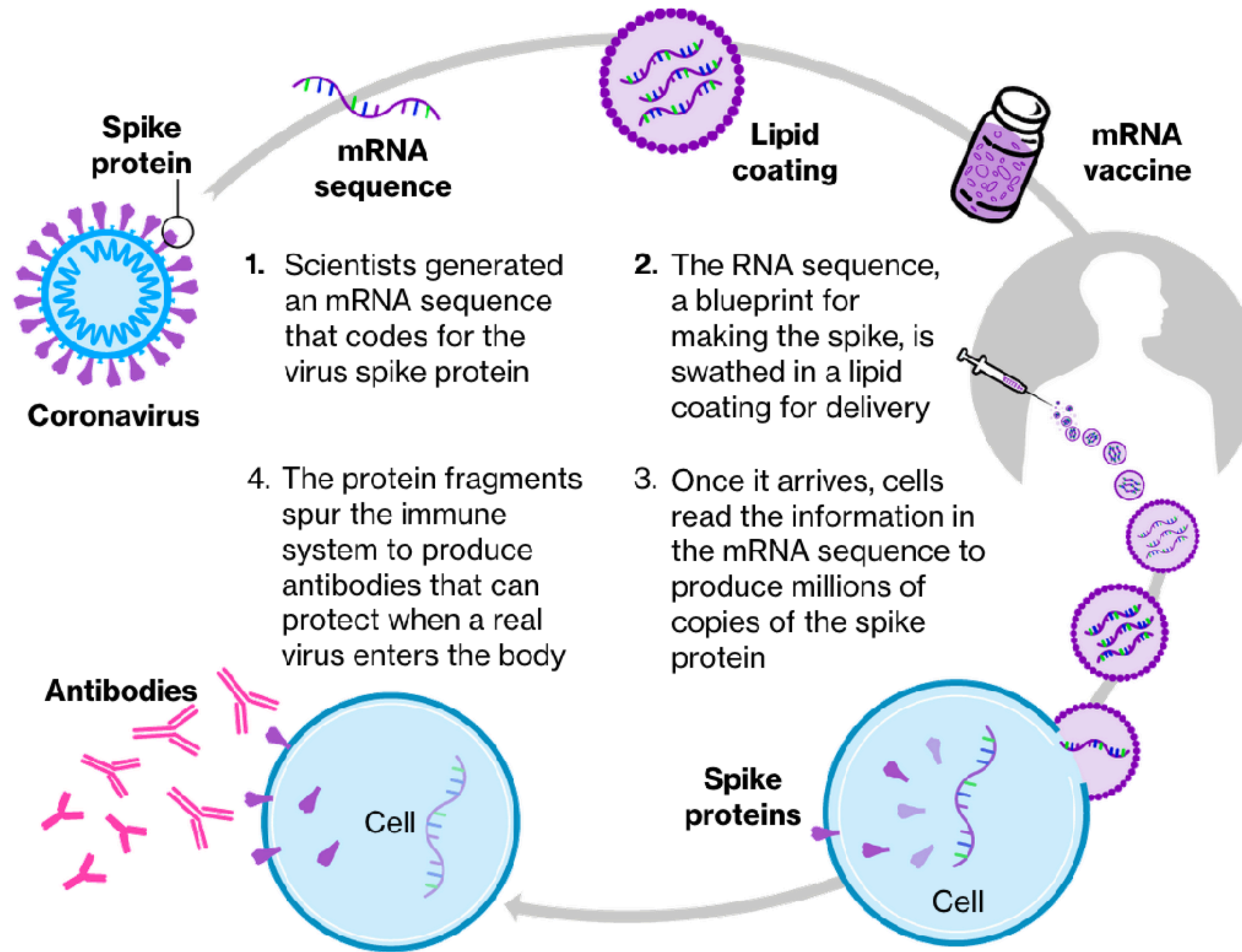


**and we will be a plane ride away from outbreaks anywhere in the world.**

**We must keep our immunization coverage up to date!**



# How Does mRNA Vaccine Work?





# COVID-19 Disease in Children

- Children can get COVID-19; they can spread it
- Children can be symptomatic or asymptomatic
- Children can get sick from COVID-19
- Children can develop severe COVID-19 disease
- Underlying respiratory, cardiac, oncologic diseases, obesity are risk factors
- MIS-C multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children
- Deaths reported

## **Pediatric COVID-19 Deaths as of 1/2/2021**

**0-4y 55**

**5-14y 55**

**15-24y 510**

# What About COVID-19 Vaccine for Children?

- Vaccine has not been tested in children
- Pfizer vaccine approved for  $\geq 16$ y; Moderna vaccine approved for  $\geq 18$ y
- Both companies are starting trials for younger children
- Will side effects be the same in children?
- Will children need more than 2 doses?
- Might different COVID-19 vaccine work better for children?
- Several different types of COVID-19 vaccine are being tested now



# Important Points to Know About the Vaccines

- Reactions to vaccines are normal: soreness, fatigue, malaise, fever, headache
- Reactions are a good indication that your immune system is working
- COVID—19 vaccines approved to date are NOT live COVID-19 viruses
- COVID-19 vaccines DO NOT change your DNA
- NO evidence that COVID-19 vaccines affect fertility
- NO evidence that COVID-19 vaccine causes long term effects on health
- You CAN'T get COVID-19 or “the flu” from the vaccine
- COVID-19 vaccines DO NOT contain microchips or tracking devices
- Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program\*
- NO preservatives, NO adjuvants, NO fetal cells, NO eggs

\* <https://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/about>

# Vaccine Development Timeline

## Typical

Pre-clinical Proof  
of Concept (POC)

EXPLORATORY

? years

PRE-CLINICAL

2-4 years



CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT  
Phase 1, 2, 3

6-8 years

File  
REGISTRATION

1 -2 years

Launch

2 - 6 months

10-15 years

## Accelerated

EXPLORATORY/PRE-CLINICAL

3-6 months

CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT  
Phase 1, 2, 3

0.5 – 1.5 yrs

REGISTRATION

2-4 months

Launch

2 - 6 months

1-2 years

Phases done simultaneously rather than sequentially





## COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University

Global Cases

103,992,501

Cases by Country/Region  
(Sovereignty)

26,437,262 US

10,777,234 India

9,283,418 Brazil

3,863,757 United Kingdom

3,858,367 Russia

3,283,696 France

2,851,869 Spain

2,570,608 Italy

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Cumulative Cases

Active Cases

Incidence Rate

Case-Fatality Ratio

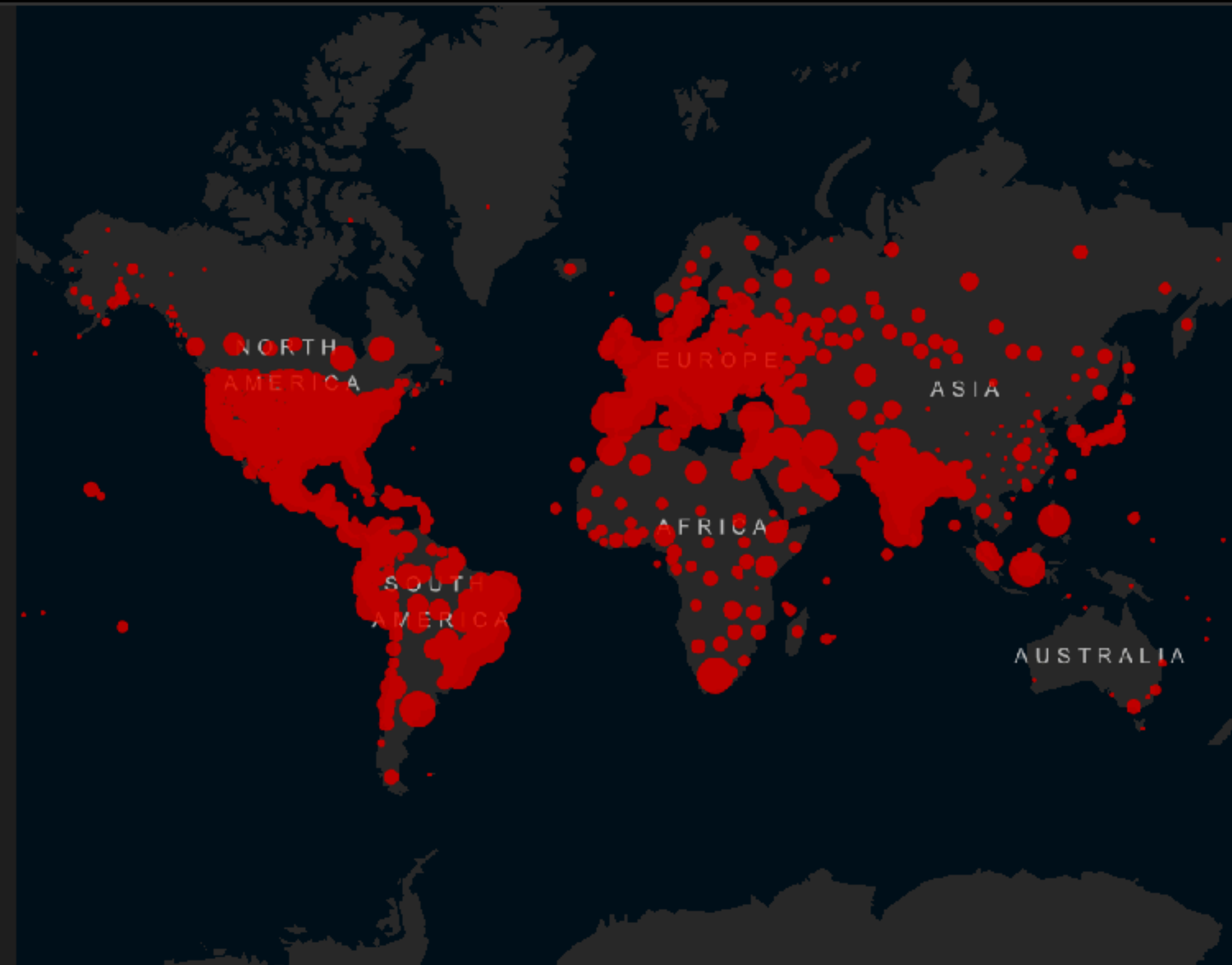
Testing Rate

192

countries/regions

Lancet Inf Dis Article: [Here](#). Mobile Version: [Here](#). Data sources: [Full list](#). Downloadable database: [GitHub](#), [Feature Layer](#).

Lead by JHU CSSE. Technical Support: [Esri Living Atlas team](#) and [JHU APL](#). Financial Support:



Esri, FAO, NOAA

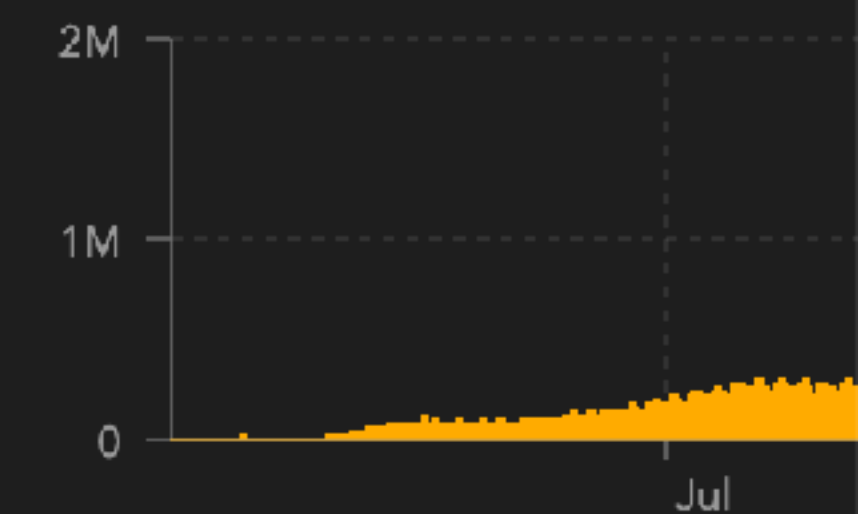
Global Deaths

2,255,867

446,913 deaths  
US226,309 deaths  
Brazil159,533 deaths  
Mexico154,596 deaths  
India

108,225 deaths

Global Deaths



Daily Cases

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

# Many Superb Resources are Available for Providers, Patients, and Parents About Vaccines

- <https://immunize.org/>
- <https://www.voicesforvaccines.org/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>
- <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>
- <https://www.vaccinateyourfamily.org/>
- **youtube: how mRNA vaccines work**



# COVID-19 Vaccines and Pregnancy

- COVID-19 causes more severe disease in pregnant women
- No fetal anomalies have been found in babies whose mothers had COVID-19 during pregnancy
- Historically vaccines have not caused problems that the disease doesn't cause
- No indication that these COVID-19 vaccines will cause harm to a pregnant woman
- Who is in your bubble?
- Discuss vaccine with your doctor - American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/advocacy-and-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines-and-pregnancy>

# Moderna & Pfizer Vaccines Can't Change Your DNA

- mRNA goes into the cell but can't get into the nucleus because it lacks a nuclear access signal
- even if it could get into the nucleus, it lacks the enzyme to make itself into DNA that needs an enzyme called reverse transcriptase
- even if it could turn itself into DNA, it would need an enzyme to integrate itself into the host's DNA; that requires an enzyme called integrate
- this mRNA does just one thing: it teaches a cell how to make the spike protein

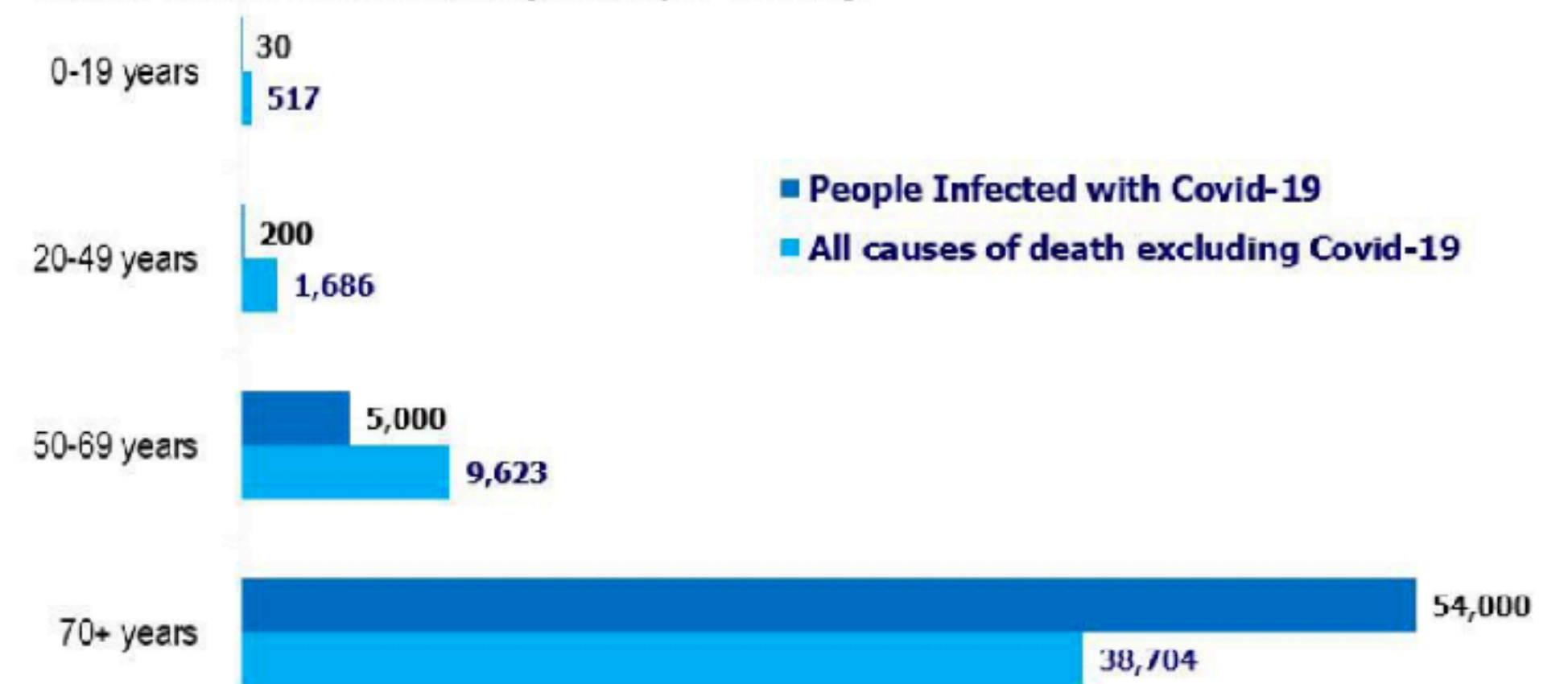


# Anaphylaxis & COVID-19 Vaccines

- [Pfizer vaccine: 11.1/million doses](#)
- [Moderna vaccine: 2.5/million doses](#)
- [No anaphylaxis deaths reported as of 1/10/21](#)
- [Chance of being hit by lightning: 1/500,000](#)
- [Chances of Dying from COVID-19](#)
  - 0-19 years old: 30/million
  - 20-49 year old: 200-/million
  - years old: 5000/million
  - old: 54,000/million

**Seniors face a dramatically higher risk of death if infected with Covid-19 than do pre-schoolers**

**Risk of Death in Micromorts (deaths per million)**



Note: annual risk of death from all causes is based on mortality data from 2014-2018, thus excludes Covid-19 deaths. Covid-19 mortality risk is based on latest CDC estimates of infection fatality rates by age released September 10, 2020.

# “Long COVID”

- Severe headaches, fatigue, “brain fog” (mild cognitive impairment) >4 weeks after acute illness
- Persistent symptoms common in up to 87% of people who have had COVID infection.
- 75% of those hospitalized had at least 1 ongoing symptom 6 months after acute illness.
- 20% of patients who **didn’t** require oxygen during their acute COVID had decreased lung function 6 months later.
- Up to 54% of people who had mild COVID symptoms and **didn’t require hospitalization** had persistent symptoms after 2-4 months.
- 25% of patients developed NEW neurologic symptoms after their acute illness was over (cognitive or sensory problems, headaches, problems with taste or smell).
- Children with long COVID symptoms have been reported

[https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2021/callinfo\\_012821.asp](https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2021/callinfo_012821.asp)



# News Items

- People who have had COVID-19 disease may have a more vigorous reaction to the first dose of vaccine; perhaps they will need only one dose of vaccine  
<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.01.29.21250653v1>
- 15% of people with people hospitalized with severe COVID-19 disease are developing diabetes <https://doi.org/10.1111/dom.14269>