







WEBINAR

School re-openings in India: How confident can we be? Insights from COVID-19 data globally

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Audience: Ministries of Health and Education staff at national and state levels, education leaders, academics, health care professionals, affected communities, NGOs, civil society, and COVID groups and staff of various entities











COVID-19 Risks to Children

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Triangulating on the data to estimate past infections













Maharashtra (4860)

Global daily COVID-19 infections

Peak transmission in April 2021 with 16 million infections per day.

Nearly 3.5 billion cumulative infections.







Percent of the nonulation infected with COVID-19

Excess mortality from the pandemic

- For 69 countries and a further 266 states or provinces in these countries, we have weekly or monthly mortality data in 2021, 2020, and for up to 10 years prior.
- Excess mortality is the observed death rates in the pandemic minus expected mortality based on the weekly/monthly pattern and trends in the last 10 years.
- For other countries, we estimate using a statistical model driven by COVID-19 seroprevalence, reported COVID-19 deaths, prevalence of a range of comorbidities, and the infection-detection rate.
- Model validated using out-of-sample predictive validity.
- 5.1 million reported COVID-19 deaths, 14.8 million estimated excess deaths due to the pandemic as of September 26th, 2021.

COVID-19 excess death rate per 100,000 through September 26th, 2021





Age pattern of COVID-19 death rates









Global Long Covid







Santomauro et al Lancet 2021

Systematic review of published studies on anxiety and depression combined with a statistical analysis of predictors



Figure 1: Global prevalence of major depressive disorder (A) and anxiety disorders (B) before and after adjustment for (ie, during) the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020, by age and sex

Age and sex distribution of depression and anxiety



Figure 4: Global burden of major depressive disorder and anxiety disorders by age and sex, 2020 Baseline refers to pre-pandemic DALYs and additional refers to additional burden due to the COVID-19 pandemic. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years.





Multiple generations of IHME COVID-19 models

- March 2020 statistical model of epidemic development with lockdowns
- May 2020 SEIR model with predicted drivers of transmission intensity including seasonality, mask use, testing, mobility and social distancing mandates
- December 2020 vaccination included in the model including vaccine supply, delivery and demand sub-models
- January 2020 Alpha variant included in the model
- February 2020 Escape variants (Beta and Gamma eventually Delta in May) added to the model
- Now transitioning to model that incorporates waning immunity and boosters

Impact of primary school reopenings

- We estimate primary school closures reduce transmission intensity by 1.3% (95% CI: 0% -6.2%)
- By comparing our reference forecast to a scenario where primary schools were reopened on September 1st, we predicted 5,613 more deaths would occur across India due to school opening (95% CI: 0 – 23,960).
- Of these deaths, 42 were predicted to occur in children under the age of 14 (95% CI: 0 183).
- The most deaths were predicted to occur in:
 - Maharashtra: 1,349 all-age (0 5,529), 8 under-18 (0 31)
 - o Uttar Pradesh: 1,227 all-age (0 5,616), 8 under-18 (0 64)

Impact of primary school re-openings

	Mean scenario		Upper bound scenario	
State	All-age deaths	Under-18	All-age deaths	Under-18
		deaths		deaths
Andhra	57.7	0.3	250.4	1.3
Pradesh				
Arunachal	8.6	0.1	32.0	0.4
Pradesh				
Assam	67.3	0.7	283.4	2.7
Bihar	3.5	0.0	15.8	0.2
Chhattisgarh	37.8	0.3	197.6	1.7
Delhi	76.4	0.8	284.3	2.8
Goa	60.1	0.2	232.7	0.9
Gujarat	108.8	0.8	506.8	3.7
Haryana	82.5	0.6	406.7	3.0
Himachal	56.3	0.3	231.6	1.2
Pradesh				
Jammu &	150.2	1.3	665.4	5.5
Kashmir and				
Ladakh				
Jharkhand	25.6	0.3	126.6	1.5
Karnataka	628.2	4.4	2550.5	18.0
Kerala	85.0	0.3	350.6	1.1
Madhya	336.6	3.1	1473.4	13.4
Pradesh				
Maharashtra	1349.2	7.7	5528.8	31.5
Manipur	22.9	0.2	85.4	0.7
Meghalaya	17.5	0.2	68.8	0.9
Mizoram	2.6	0.0	10.6	0.1
Nagaland	7.0	0.1	26.0	0.3
Odisha	14.8	0.1	64.6	0.4
Punjab	404.2	2.1	1788.9	9.4
Rajasthan	10.9	0.1	47.5	0.5
Sikkim	1.4	0.0	5.7	0.0
Tamil Nadu	258.3	1.1	1073.6	4.5
Telangana	147.2	0.9	585.1	3.7
Tripura	4.6	0.0	18.5	0.1
Uttar Pradesh	1226.7	14.0	5616.1	64.1
Uttarakhand	122.8	0.9	500.5	3.7
West Bengal	238.1	1.4	936.5	5.3



Impact of primary school re-openings

Excess deaths in under-18





Challenge of waning immunity

- The biggest challenge now is the rate at which vaccine derived immunity for infection and for severe disease (hospitalization and death) wane and the rate at which natural immunity wanes.
- Entering Northern Hemisphere winter at the time that vaccine derived immunity against infection has waned considerably.
- Considerable uncertainty about natural immunity: does it wane faster or slower than vaccine derived immunity.

Meta-analysis of Qatar, Israel, UK and Us data: Waning immunity for infection and severe disease for Pfizer and





Forecast uncertainties

- Emergence of new variants with immune escape
- Waning immunity from natural infection
- Individual and government behavioral response as pandemic goes on declining mask use and caution
- Uptake of boosters
- Vaccine donationsg



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