



**A statement from
Dr. Charles Woods of Children's Hospital of Erlanger and
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"There is increasing evidence that younger children who are infected with COVID-19 are much less likely to spread the virus than are teenagers and adults.

This is very different from what is seen with other viruses, such as influenza and the viruses that cause the common cold. Most outbreaks within families are caused by teens or adults, not young children.

Researchers who reviewed hundreds of home and school-based exposures to young children with COVID-19 found a low risk of transmission, even before masks and social distancing were implemented. Our youngest students can be educated safely with fewer restrictions than what is required for older ones."